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SECTION 1. MARRIAGES— ANALYSIS AND SUMMARY

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Highlights

There were 1,548,000 marriages in the United States in 1961; the rate per 1,000 population of 8.5 equalled the rate for 1959 and 1960. The rate for the marriage-registration area (MRA), excluding New York, was 7.8 in 1961 as compared with 7.2 in 1960. Additions to the MRA in 1961 were the District of Columbia, Indiana, and Massachusetts with rates of 11.7, 9.0, and 6.5.

Marriage rates per 1,000 population for three of the four regions showed little or no variation from those of 1960, but for one (the Northeast Region) the rate declined slightly from 7.0 in 1960 to 6.8 in 1961.

Most of the monthly variation in marriage totals and rates (as analyzed for the period since 1953) is seasonal, the average percent change in the unadjusted data being only slightly larger than that for seasonal variations. Moderate cycles of more than 1 year in length were marked by declines during the economic recessions in 1954 and 1958, and there was also a downward trend during the entire period since 1953.

In a group of 17 reporting States the percent of all brides and grooms under 20 years of age increased from 33.0 and 9.9 in 1952 to 41.7 and 14.6 in 1961. Percents of brides and grooms who married for the first time (78 to 80) showed no upward or downward trend from 1952 to 1961.

While the peak month for marriages was June in all geographic divisions, August, September, and December were peak months in one or more individual States. December was either a primary or secondary peak month in several States in the South, in the southern part of the West, and in Alaska. The low month for marriages fell in the first quarter except in two States.

Larger percents of first marriages occurred during the summer (June-August) and of remarriages during the winter (December, January-March). Fifty-two percent of the marriages in the MRA occurred on Saturday, the peak day of the week for marriages in every State except Utah. Marriages occurring on Friday through Sunday constituted 77 percent of all marriages.

Eighty percent of the couples married in the MRA in 1961 were both residents of the States in which they married. More first-married brides and grooms (81 percent) than remarried (76 percent) were included in these couples. Larger percents of brides and grooms under 25 years were married in their counties of residence than was the case for brides and grooms of these ages who married outside their counties of residence. Couples that were nonresidents of the States in which they married included 10 percent of first-married brides and grooms and 16 percent of remarried brides and grooms.

The mean age of all brides in the MRA in 1961 was 25.2 years; for first-married brides it was 21.5 years. The mean age of all grooms was 28.3 and for first-married grooms it was 24.3 years. Brides under age 20 most frequently married grooms 2-3 years older; those 20-24 most often married grooms of the same age or 1 year older; those in the age groups 25-29 through 40-44 most often married grooms in the same 5-year age groups; older brides, especially those 55-59 years and older, most often married grooms older than themselves. Marriages of older brides to grooms older than themselves were more frequent among nonwhite than among white brides.

An estimated 4,806 marriages in the MRA in 1961, or 0.6 percent of couples for which color was reported, were marriages of white persons to nonwhite; the groom was nonwhite in 2,665 of these marriages and white in 2,141.

Mean ages of grooms by age of bride for first-married couples ranged from 20.6 for brides under 18 years to 69.6 for brides 65 years and over; mean ages of brides ranged from 18.3 for those with grooms under 20 to 56.7 for those with grooms 65 years and older. The mean age for grooms of the brides in each age group exceeds that for brides of the grooms in the same age group. This difference is greater for the older than for the younger age groups.

During 1961 in the MRA, 77.0 percent of all brides and 77.3 percent of all grooms married for the first time. Peak age at first marriage was 18 years for brides and 21 years for grooms; the peak 5-year age group was 25-29 for remarried brides and 30-34 for remarried grooms. Peak ages at first marriage were equal for white and nonwhite persons, but age distributions of white persons had much higher peaks than did those for nonwhite. Among the remarried population, relatively more nonwhite couples married at older ages (30 years and over) than did white couples as indicated by the peak 5-year age groups of 30-34 for nonwhite brides and grooms compared with 25-29 for white brides and grooms.

Of the brides reporting previous marital status in the MRA 80 percent were single, 5 percent widowed, and 15 percent divorced; for grooms the percents were approximately the same—80 percent single, 4 percent widowed, and 15 percent divorced. For the remarried, widowed brides and grooms were relatively more frequent among nonwhite couples and divorced brides and grooms among white couples. In the case of both brides and grooms, higher proportions of the widowed nonwhite persons were in the younger age groups (35-39 for brides and 40-44 for grooms) than were the widowed white. Peak age intervals for remarriage of divorced persons, however, were younger among the white than among the nonwhite.

In general, among white couples as compared with nonwhite couples, persons of like marital status married each

other relatively more often than they married persons of another marital status. That is, the ratio of white to non-white couples for single marrying single (almost 8 to 1) was higher than all but one of the corresponding ratios for single marrying widowed and single marrying divorced; the exception was a ratio of 9 to 1 for single grooms with divorced brides. The ratio of white to nonwhite couples for widowed marrying widowed (7 to 1) was higher than all but one of such ratios for widowed marrying partners in either of the other two marital status groups; the exception was a ratio of 9 to 1 for widowed brides marrying divorced grooms. The ratio for divorced marrying divorced (11 to 1) was higher than any such ratio for divorced marrying either widowed or single.

Seventy-eight percent of all brides and grooms in the MRA reporting number of this marriage were entering their first marriage; 19 percent of the brides and 18 percent of the grooms were entering their second marriage, and for 4 percent of the brides and grooms the number of this marriage was three or more.

For the MRA in 1961, 17 percent of all first-married brides and grooms, 41 percent of all remarried brides, and 39 percent of all remarried grooms were married in civil rather than religious ceremonies. Percents of civil ceremonies were slightly above average for first-married teenage brides and grooms. These declined for brides and grooms in their 20's and 30's, increased to their highest peaks at ages 45-54 for brides and 55-64 for grooms, and then dropped sharply for those of the older ages.

Introduction

There were 1,548,000 marriages reported for the United States in 1961, a figure approximately equal to that of 1,523,000 for 1960. The marriage rate per 1,000 population was 8.5 for 1961 and for the 2 preceding years. The marriage rate for each year since 1957 has been comparable to the rates recorded for the years 1931-33 and lower than those for 1934-56. The rate for the marriage-registration area (excluding the State of New York) was 7.8—up somewhat from the 7.2 for 1960. Massachusetts, Indiana, and the District of Columbia were included in the MRA for the first time in 1961. (A complete list of MRA States is shown on page 2-2 in Section 2.) The rate for the District of Columbia (11.7) and that for Indiana (9.0) contributed to the increase in the 1961 rate for the MRA as a whole; the exclusion of the number of marriages from New York when computing the 1961 rate for the MRA also contributed to the increase. The rate for Massachusetts (6.5), however, had the opposite effect of lowering the MRA rate. Rates for the four regions maintained the same relative sizes in 1961 as in 1960. The Northeast, with the lowest rate, showed a slight decline from 7.0 in 1960 to 6.8 in 1961. The South and the West had the highest rates in 1961 (9.8 in each region) as well as in 1960 (9.7 and 9.8, respectively). Intermediate rates in the North Central were 7.7 in 1961 and 7.8 in 1960.

The rates cited above are based on reports from State and local registration offices of annual counts of marriages or marriage licenses. Probability samples of marriage records, first secured for the 1960 data year, were again obtained by and processed in NVSD for 1961. However, such

samples were secured in 1961 for only the States in the marriage-registration area; the sampling procedures were the same as those for the 1960 returns from these States. For sample specifications and sizes, see Section 7 of this volume. Pretabulated totals for 1961 of marriages by month and by county are shown for all States and the District of Columbia as well as for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the same areas for which such totals were obtained in 1960. For each State and area participating in the marriage-registration area, totals estimated from samples were checked for consistency with the pretabulated totals. In all cases except one (Kentucky) differences between each pair of totals were no greater than 1 percent. The policy followed in publishing the statistics for both 1961 and 1960 has been to publish pretabulated totals in those tables showing only totals or counts by month or by county and not to include statistics on other characteristics of the marriages and the brides and grooms. Since sample records were secured only for the MRA, all 1961 statistics shown for the United States, the four regions, and the nine geographic divisions are based entirely upon pretabulated figures. Based on pretabulated reports are all entries shown in tables 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, and 1-D and 2-1 in Section 2 and the county totals shown in Section 5 of this volume. Incompleteness of sample records received from one State (Kentucky) along with expected differences between counts of marriage licenses and marriages performed and minor differences in rounding figures account for the divergence between pretabulated estimates and sample estimates. The pretabulated total for the marriage-registration area (table 2-1) is 968,000, but the sample estimate of this total is 964,000, most of this discrepancy being accounted for by an estimated 3,700 marriages in Kentucky for which no sample transcripts were reported.

Marriage trends

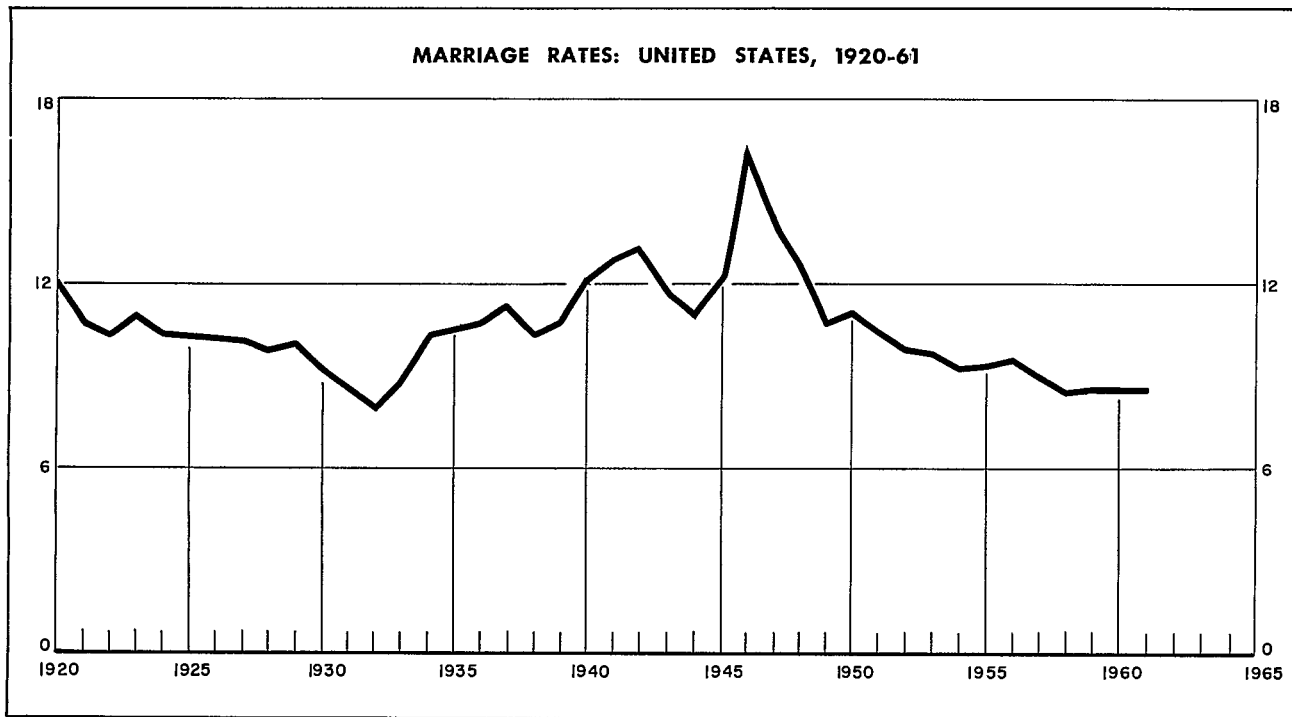
The 1961 rate of 8.5 per 1,000 population is a continuation of the low rates prevailing since 1958. The only year for which an appreciably lower rate—an accompaniment of a serious economic depression—was recorded was 1932 (table 1-A and fig. 1-1). During the 1930's a decline in the birth rates indicated small cohorts of infants—infants who, by 1961, were in their 20's, the age at which 42 percent of all brides and 61 percent of all grooms in the MRA were married in 1961 (table 1-E). Thus, it seems likely that the low marriage rates for the years 1958-61 are in part a next-generation sequence to the low birth rates of the 1930's.

These low birth rates have resulted in relatively small numbers of persons between 14 and 40 years of age, particularly of persons now aged 20 to 30 years. These persons now in the marriageable ages have been a declining proportion of the denominators for the rates per 1,000 total population. When the population in the denominator is restricted to females 15-44 years, the rate of 145.4 for 1961 (table 1-B) and rates which have remained below 150.0 since 1958 are lower than the corresponding rates for the years since World War II, but they are markedly higher than those for the years immediately preceding that war (1940 and 1941) and for the years 1943-45. Year-to-year changes in the rates shown in tables 1-A and 1-B also

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FIGURE 1-1



appear to be correlated with declines in the levels of economic activity (downward trends in the early 1930's and dips in 1949, 1954, and 1958) and with military mobilization and war (increases in 1941-42, declines during the peak war years of 1943-44, rapid increases immediately after World War II, and a lesser rise in 1950 during the Korean conflict). (See table 1-A.)

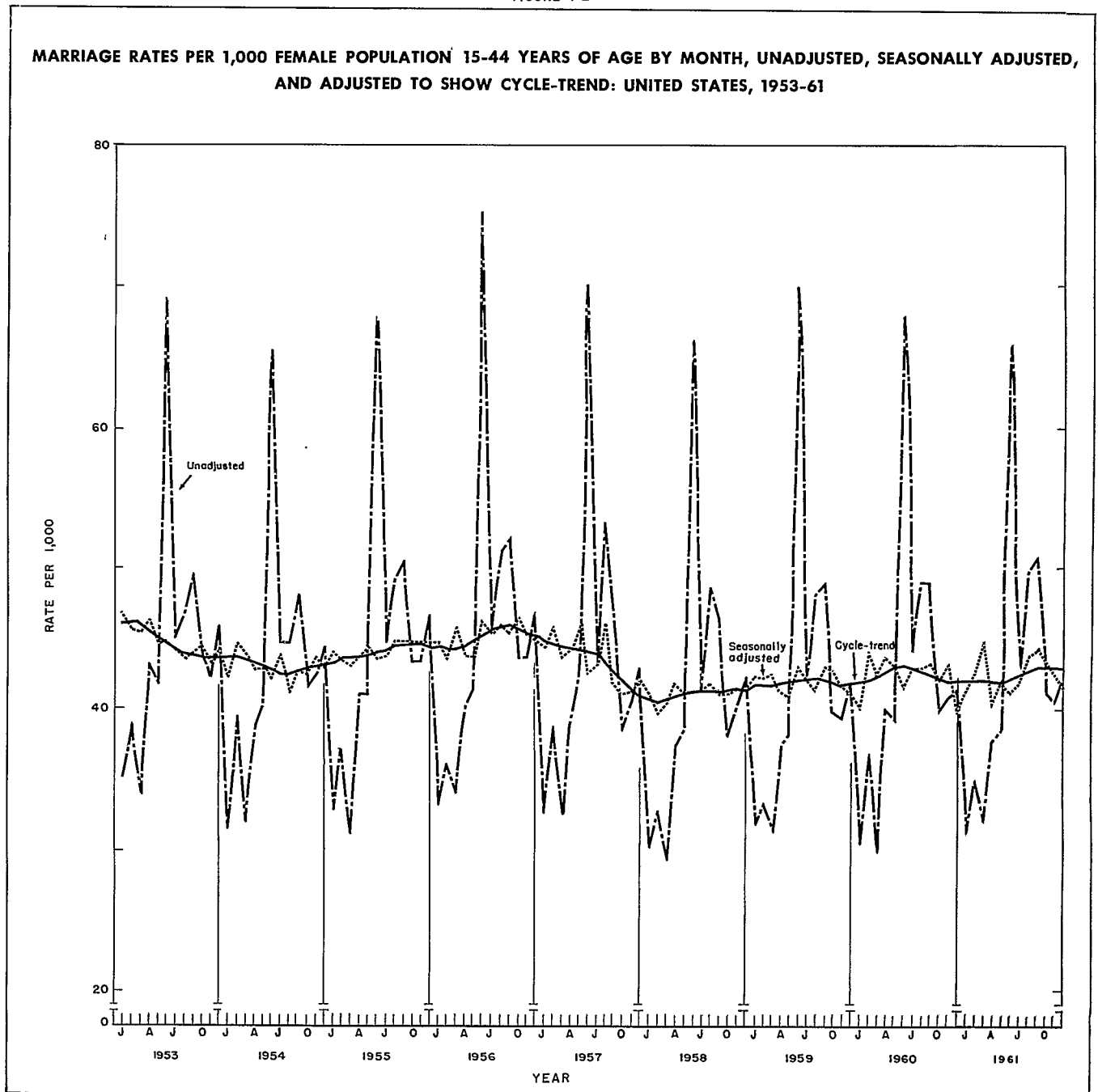
Additional information has been secured about the components of marriage trends from a time series analysis of monthly marriage totals. Results of this analysis are shown in table 1-C and figure 1-2. The monthly totals analyzed in the time series are estimates based upon monthly reports from State and local offices. Even though the monthly tables are secured from counts of records received in the reporting offices during the reporting month, rather than from actual marriages performed in that month, they are used in this analysis since their coverage has been complete enough to yield nationwide estimates of marriages since January 1953. Rates analyzed were computed using these monthly totals.

The most notable feature of the original or unadjusted totals and rates is the seasonal variations, as noted in the description of these time series analyses in Section 1 of Volume III of *Vital Statistics of United States 1960*. The seasonal peak occurs in June, with a secondary peak in August, and seasonal lows in January and March. These seasonal variations and their scope relative to irregular and longer term cyclical-trend variations may be summarized by a statistic termed average monthly amplitude, or average percentage change in each monthly figure of a series from the preceding monthly figure. The time series analysis of

marriage totals and rates for January 1953-September 1961 yielded estimates of these average amplitudes for the original or unadjusted figures, the seasonal variations, the figures adjusted to remove seasonal variation, cycle and trend variations longer than 1 year in duration, and irregular variations of less than 1 year's duration. These monthly percentage changes are:

ITEM	Average monthly amplitude (percent)
Monthly totals	
Unadjusted for seasonal variation-----	19.7
Seasonal component-----	19.3
Adjusted for seasonal variation-----	2.5
Cycle-trend component-----	0.4
Irregular component-----	2.5
Monthly rates per 1,000 total population	
Unadjusted for seasonal variation-----	20.0
Seasonal component-----	19.6
Adjusted for seasonal variation-----	2.4
Cycle-trend component-----	0.4
Irregular component-----	2.4
Monthly rates per 1,000 female population aged 15-44 years	
Unadjusted for seasonal variation-----	19.8
Seasonal component-----	19.4
Adjusted for seasonal variation-----	2.4
Cycle-trend component-----	0.4
Irregular component-----	2.4

FIGURE 1-2



These summary statistics indicate that the seasonal amplitude very nearly equalled the amplitude in the unadjusted data and that there were almost no cyclical or trend changes during these years.

Even though the cycle-trend variations have been small in average monthly amplitude, these variations for the rate per 1,000 females aged 15-44 show four distinct cycles of varying durations and an overall downward trend (fig. 1-2).

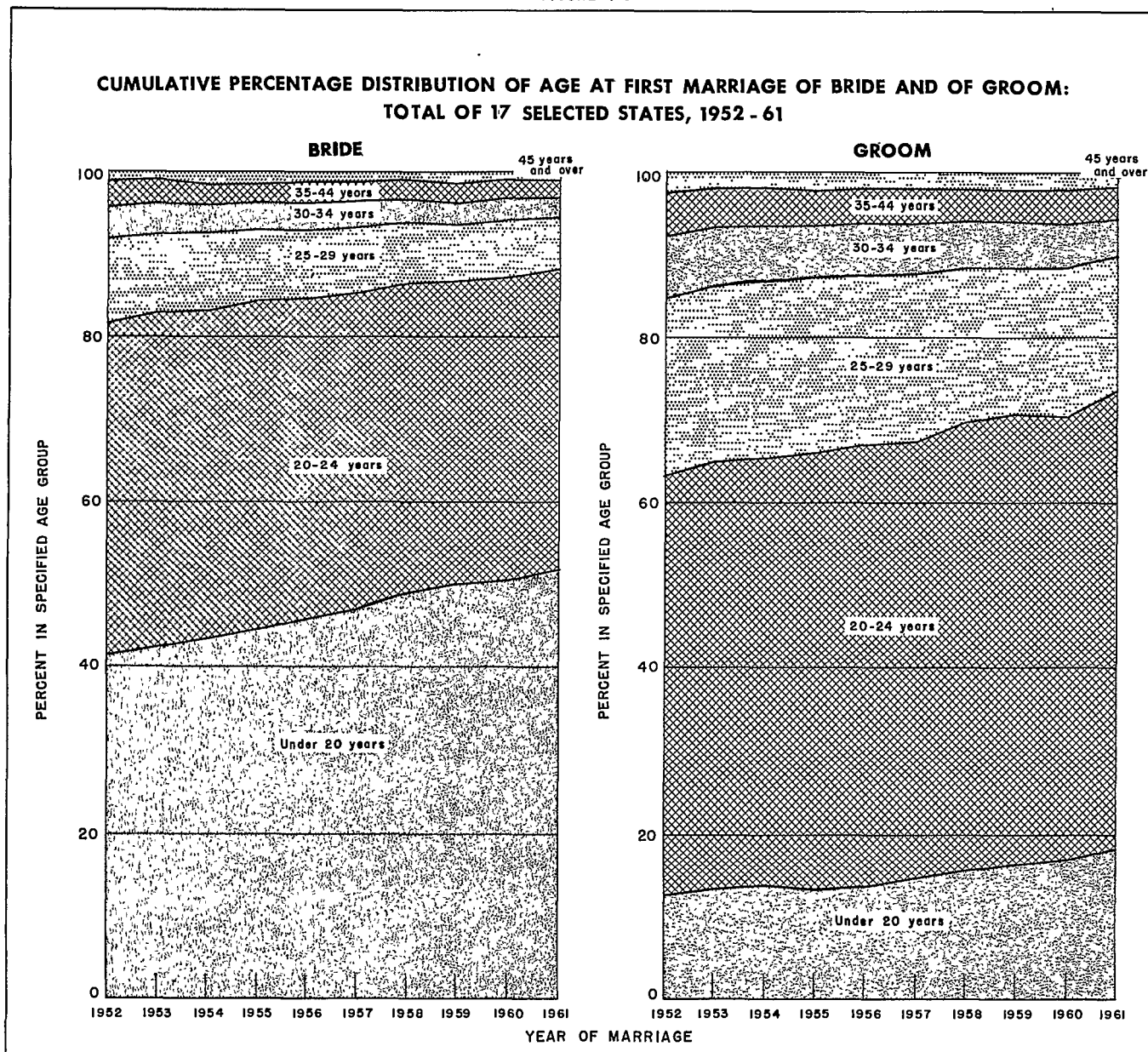
Beginning with rates at the end of the Korean conflict of 46.2, 46.1, and 45.9 for the first 3 months of 1953 (levels higher than any attained through 1961), the first cycle dipped to a low of 42.4 for July-August 1954 and then rose to a high of 45.8 in September 1956; the second cycle brought the rate lower than the first—to 40.4 early in 1958 during a period of recession. The second high of 42.9 for June 1960 was followed in about a year by a low of 41.8 for January-

April and then an increase to 43.0 for September 1961. Periods of economic recession in 1954 and in late 1957 and early 1958 were marked by dips in this marriage rate. The lowering of the long-term trend of the rate since about mid-1957 is signaled by the fact that the August 1957 rate of 43.2, while lower than those for preceding years in the series (except those of the April-December 1954 low), was higher than any subsequent rates. All of the figures were analytically adjusted to show long-term cycles and trends.

In each of the four regions and nine geographic divisions as well as in the United States as a whole, the marriage rate per 1,000 population for 1961 remained at almost the same level as that for 1960 (table 1-D). With a few exceptions, changes in rates for the regions and divisions have been in the same direction and of about the same amplitude as those in the national rate. From 1957 to 1958, rates de-

clined in the four regions and in six of the nine geographic divisions, increased in the West South Central Division, and remained unchanged in the West North Central and Pacific Divisions. Since 1958 the rate in each division has remained at about the same level except for a few shifts which probably result to an important degree from changes in reporting procedures in specific States. In New England, improvements beginning in 1960 in the reporting of marriage statistics for Massachusetts to exclude duplicate records reported from two or more local offices brought about a decline in 1960 from the estimated figures for that State for 1959. The decline in the 1959 rate for the East South Central Division reflects a low 1959 reported total from Kentucky which was based on a procedure which yielded an incomplete count in 1960. For the Mountain Division, the unusually low rate for 1958 reflects in part a very low and incomplete total

FIGURE 1-3



reported by New Mexico, with higher rates since 1959 resulting from more complete reporting from this State.

Trends in age at marriage and marriage order are shown in tables 1-P and 1-Q for the 17 States which reported these data for the 10-year period 1952-61. Alabama has been added to the group of 16 States which reported for the period 1951-60 (tables 1-T and 1-U, Section 1, Volume III, *Vital Statistics of the United States 1960*). The 17 States are distributed among the four regions—5 of the 9 States in the Northeast are included but only 4 of 12 in the North Central, 5 of 16 in the South, and 3 of 13 in the West.

The predominant trend in age at marriage in the 17 States for 1952-61 (as in the 16 States for 1951-60) has been the increase in the percent of brides and grooms who married at ages under 20 (fig. 1-3). The percent of all brides marrying under 20 years of age increased in each successive year from 33.0 in 1952 to 41.7 in 1961, the 1961 percent being over one-fourth greater than that for 1952. The percent of grooms in this age category increased by almost one-half, from 9.9 in 1952 to 14.6 in 1961, and the percent aged 20-24 years increased by almost one-tenth, from 41.6 in 1952 to 45.4 in 1961. These increases in relative frequency of marriage at ages under 20 are reflected in trends toward lower median ages at marriage—from 22.5 in 1952 to 21.3 in 1961 for brides, and from 24.8 in 1952 to 23.9 in 1961 for grooms. The percent of all first-married brides under age 20 at marriage increased from 41.5 in 1952 to 51.8 in 1961, while the median age at marriage declined from 21.1 in 1952 to 19.8 in 1961. The proportion of first-married grooms under age 20 increased from 12.5 percent in 1952 to 18.2 in 1961; the percent aged 20-24 increased from 50.8 in 1952 to 55.3 in 1961; median age at marriage of first-married grooms declined from 23.7 in 1952 to 22.9 in 1961.

Proportions of all brides and grooms marrying for the first time in the 17 States for the period 1952-61 showed no trend but varied between 77.8 and 79.0 for brides and between 78.6 and 79.9 for grooms (table 1-Q). Thus, for these 17 States the increases in proportions of brides and grooms marrying at younger ages have not been accompanied by increases in proportions marrying for the first time.

Marriages by month and day of occurrence

Monthly marriage totals shown in table 2-1 of Section 2 are based upon pretabulated counts from State and local offices and are the only figures available for the United States, regions, geographic divisions, and for States outside the MRA. Both pretabulated counts (table 2-1) and estimates secured from samples of marriage records (tables 1-E, 1-F, 2-2, and 2-3) are shown for the MRA.

The percent of marriages occurring in June varies from 10.6 in the Mountain Division of the West Region to 14.3 in the West North Central Division of the North Central Region. Even though June is the seasonal peak month for marriages in all regions and geographic divisions (table 2-1), other seasonal highs and lows differ among these areas. The secondary peak month is September in the New England Division, with totals somewhat larger than those for June

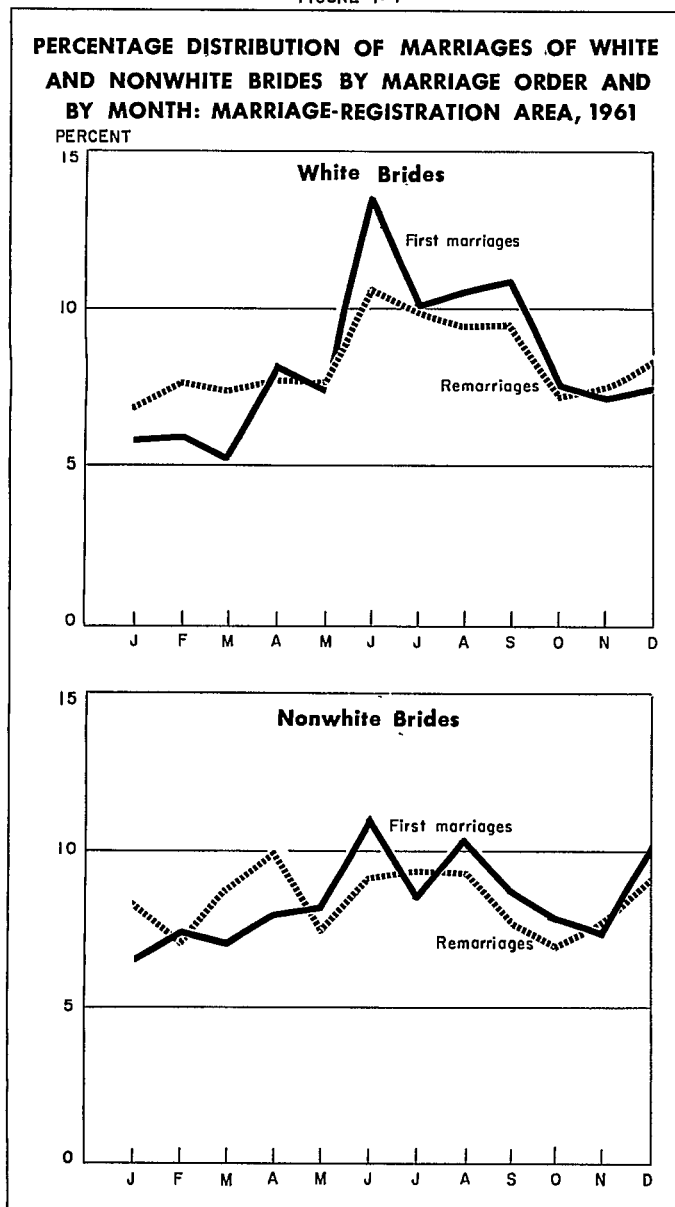
in both Rhode Island and Connecticut. In the North Central Region, August and September constituted secondary peak months in both the East and West North Central Divisions. August was the secondary peak month only in Illinois in the East North Central but in all seven States in the West North Central except Minnesota. In the South Region December was the secondary peak month in the South Atlantic and the East South Central Divisions, with August in this position in the West South Central. The December total was above that for June in South Carolina and was the second highest in five other South Atlantic States, while September was second highest in Delaware and Maryland and August in the District of Columbia. December was also second highest in three of four States in the East South Central Division along with Louisiana in the West South Central; August was second highest in Kentucky and in the other three States in the West South Central. In the West Region, the secondary peak months included August and September in the Mountain Division and August in the Pacific Division. However, December was the peak month in New Mexico (with June second) and in Arizona (with March second); December shared the peak with August in Alaska and was second highest in California and Hawaii. August was peak month in Hawaii and second highest in Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and Washington. September was peak month in Nevada and second highest in Montana, Utah, and Oregon.

Low month for marriages, without adjustments for differing numbers of days, was February for the United States, two divisions in the South Region, and the Mountain Division in the West Region. March was low month for the MRA and the Northeast and North Central Regions; January was low month in the South Atlantic and Pacific Divisions. In all States except two the low month fell in the first quarter of the year; in New Mexico and Arizona the low month was October.

Comparison of the percent distributions of age at marriage of brides classified by month of marriage (table 1-E) did not yield any obvious relationships between the highs and lows of the seasonal cycle and differences in relative age distributions. June is characterized by somewhat greater than average proportions of brides under 25 years of age and smaller percents of older brides. However, the highest percents of brides under age 18, 18-19, and 20-24 are found in March, November, and August, respectively. For grooms there is a decided overrepresentation of ages 20-24 among those married in June; all other percents in this month fell below corresponding proportions for the year as a whole. However, the month with the highest percent of grooms under 20 years was March, and for those 25-29 it was September. The older age categories of brides (25 years and older) and of grooms (30 years and older) are in most instances overrepresented among those who married in the first three and the last two months of the year. Both brides and grooms aged 20-24 are overrepresented in August and September marriages but only brides for July.

For brides first marriages are relatively more frequent than remarriages in June, August, and September and remarriages in December, January, February, and March (table 1-F and fig. 1-4). Grooms marrying for the first time

FIGURE 1-4



were June, September, and August in that order; the corresponding three months for remarrying brides were June, December, and July, but for remarrying grooms they were December, September, and June. Among the remarried, peak marriage months for percents of remarriages differed more for brides from those for grooms in the case of nonwhite brides and grooms than of white. These two contrasts—between peak months for brides and grooms at first marriage and at remarriage and among the remarried between white and nonwhite brides and grooms—reflect differences in the tendency of persons of similar marital status to marry each other. Previously married brides marry previously married grooms proportionately less often than single brides marry single grooms; nonwhite previously married brides and grooms marry each other less often than do white previously married brides and grooms (table 2-17).

Estimates of the numbers of marriages performed in the marriage-registration area on each day of the week during 1961 indicate that 52 percent of all marriages occurred on Saturday. The next most popular day for weddings was Friday and then Sunday. Taken as a group, marriages performed on the three "weekend" days constituted 77 percent of all marriages in the MRA.

Saturday is the peak day for marriages in 34 of the registration States and the District of Columbia; in Utah the peak occurs on Friday and a secondary peak on Saturday. In 15 States and the District of Columbia the order of first, second, and third days corresponds to that for the MRA as a whole—Saturday, Friday, Sunday. In Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska in the North Central Region, Louisiana in the South, and Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania in the Northeast the order is Saturday, Sunday, Friday. In 12 States one of the other five days in the week out-ranked Sunday in the top three for marriage: in seven States the day was Monday, in four it was Thursday, and in one it was Tuesday.

Statistically the pronounced weekly cycles are a factor in variation in totals for the same month in different years since the number of Saturdays (or of Fridays or Sundays) in any month of 29 days or more varies between four and five from year to year.

Resident status of bride and of groom in place of marriage

About 771,000 (or 80 percent) of the 963,000 marriages for which residence was reported were those of brides and grooms resident in the State in which they married. Eighty-one percent of first-married brides and grooms were residents marrying resident spouses, as was the case for 76 percent of the brides and grooms who had been previously married (table 2-5). Next in order of numbers and proportions were couples in which both were nonresidents—10 percent of first-married brides and grooms and 16 percent of previously married brides and grooms. Two percent of all first-married brides were nonresidents marrying resident grooms and 7 percent of the first-married grooms were nonresidents marrying resident brides; corresponding percents for brides and grooms who were remarrying were 3 and 5 percent.

do so more frequently in June and August, and those who remarry do so more frequently in December, January, and March. Among both brides and grooms, relatively more white persons than nonwhite favored June, July, and September, while more nonwhite chose March and December. For those marrying for the first time, proportionally more white persons married in June, July, September, and (only for grooms) August, and more nonwhite married in February, March, December, and (only for grooms) January. Months with relatively large percents of remarriages of white persons were September for brides and also grooms, March for grooms, and June for brides; for nonwhites these months were January, March, and April for brides and May, August, October, and December for grooms.

The three months in which the highest percents of all brides, as well as of all grooms, married for the first time

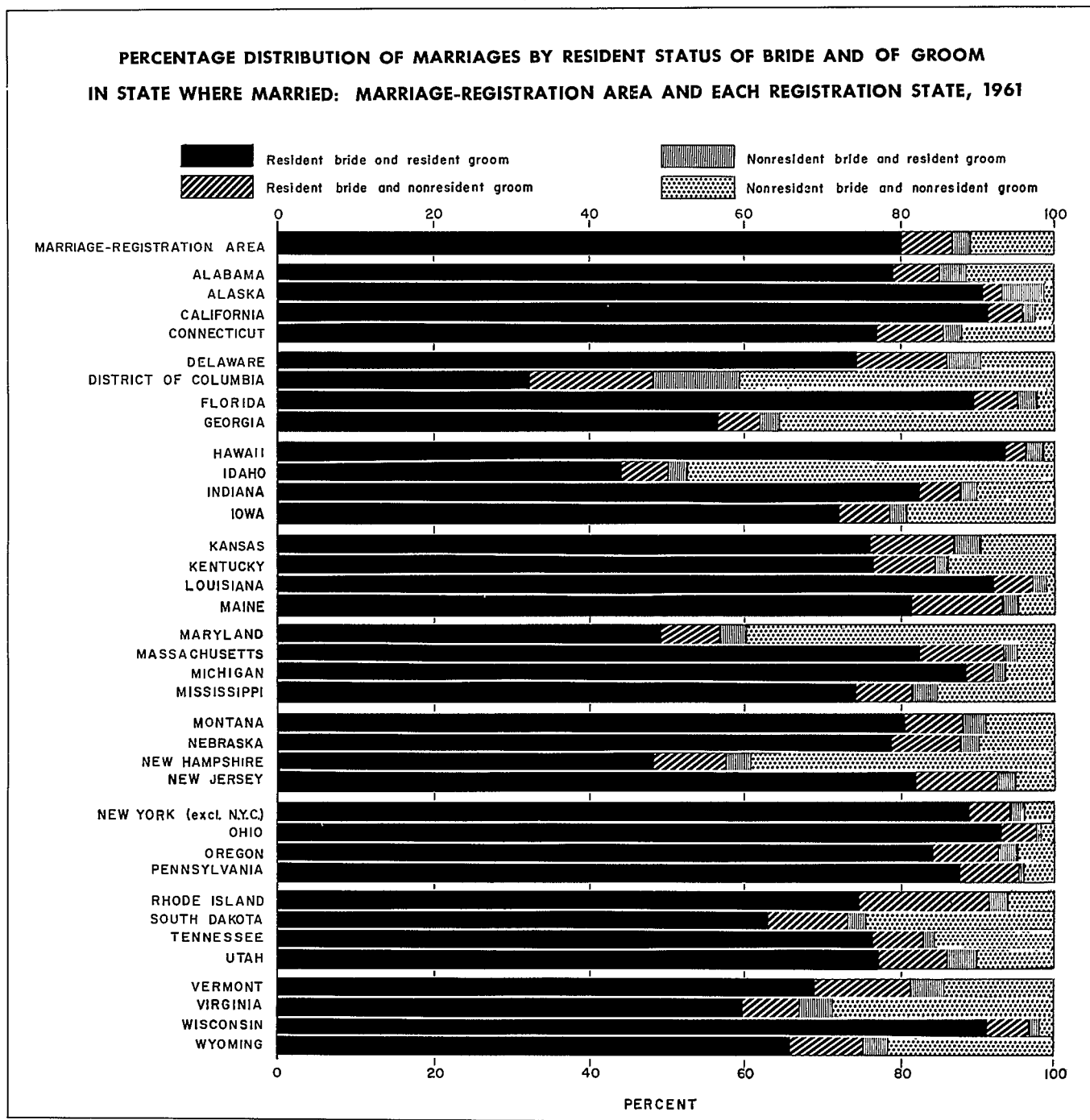
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The analysis of residence data was limited by problems in allocating county of residence when only city or town was reported, as was the case in 8 States and in those New England States for which the areas of all cities or towns (as reported) constitute the entire area of the county. In all records reporting only city or town, allocation was made to the county including the city or town or the largest proportion of the city or town population. Though the data on county of residence should be accepted with some caution, comparisons using 1960 data of proportions of brides and

grooms resident and not resident in county of marriage in 8 States outside New England reporting only city or town with those for other States in the MRA indicated that the variation in these distributions among the 8 States closely resembled the variation among the other 27 States.

Among brides marrying in their counties of residence, 39 percent were under 20 years of age, but among brides marrying outside their regions of residence only 33 percent were under 20 (table 1-G). Corresponding percents for grooms were 15 and 10. The percent of brides aged 25 to 64

FIGURE 1-5



and of grooms aged 30 to 64 was least among those resident in the county where they married. Residents included relatively large numbers of young brides and grooms and, correspondingly, somewhat smaller proportions of older brides and grooms. Brides and grooms in their counties of residence included larger percents of youths (under 25 for brides and under 35 for grooms). On the other hand, brides and grooms who were nonresidents of the counties and States in which they remarried were more often older (20-64, especially 25-44, for brides and 35-64 for grooms). However, the brides and grooms remarried in their counties of residence included more persons 65 years and over than did those remarried outside their counties of residence. In other words, brides and grooms who remarried in their home counties included relatively more of those in the youngest and oldest ages at marriage, whereas the ages in between were overrepresented among the nonresidents.

For the MRA as a whole, about 59 percent of all couples were both residents of the county in which they married (table 1-H), 9 percent were both living in other counties in the same State, and 11 percent were outside the State where married. The proportion of couples in which the bride resided in the county of marriage but the groom did not (15 percent) was about three times as large as the proportion in which the groom resided in the county of marriage but the bride did not (5 percent).

The proportion of couples both of whom were residents of the State in which they married exceeded 90 percent in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin but was less than 50 percent in Idaho, Maryland, and New Hampshire and also the District of Columbia (table 1-J and fig. 1-5). Areas in which the proportion of couples who were both nonresidents was more than twice the 11 percent for the MRA as a whole were the District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, New Hampshire, South Dakota, and Virginia.

In addition to the residence statistics, data for the MRA as well as for each registration State show residence of bride by that of groom; residence of each is classified according to the place of marriage (tables 2-7 and 2-8). Many reliable comparisons among the States can be made, but a few would be questionable because of the small numbers involved. (Any number which is less than the minimum useful frequency for each State listed on page 2-2 should be regarded as "small" rather than as a specific number.)

Age at marriage, marriage order, and color of bride and of groom

The interrelationships of the key demographic variables discussed below are shown as frequency distributions in five tables in Section 2 (tables 2-9 through 2-13). All data are for the MRA and participating States and other areas.

The mean age for all brides in 1961 was 25.2 years and that for grooms was 28.3 years. Mean age at marriage of first-married brides was 21.5 years and of first-married grooms 24.3 years.

When ages of all brides were classified by ages of their grooms (table 2-9), the modal age of grooms with brides under 17 years of age was 18 years; for those with brides aged 17 it was 19; and for those with brides 18-20 it was 21 years. Brides 21 and 22 years of age most often married

grooms who were 22 years of age, and brides 23 and 24 most often married grooms 1 year older than themselves. Brides in the age groups 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, and 40-44 most often married grooms in the same 5-year age groups, but brides of ages 45-49 and 50-54 most often married grooms aged 50-54, while brides in each of the age groups 55-59, 60-64 and 65 and over most often married grooms aged 65 years and over. The modal age group of grooms for each age group of brides was similar for nonwhite to that for white couples (table 2-10). Brides aged under 20 and 20-24 most often married grooms 20-24; brides aged 25-29 and 30-34 most often married grooms in the same age groups; brides aged 45-49 most frequently married grooms aged 50-54; and brides aged 50 years and over most often married grooms 60 years and over. The age distributions of grooms with younger brides are sharply peaked (over half of the grooms with brides under 25 are in the age group 20-24).

Of the 862,637 marriages for which color of both bride and groom was reported, 4,806 (or 0.6 percent) were reported as marriages of white persons to nonwhite. For 2,665 of these the groom was nonwhite; for 2,141 the groom was white. Age distributions of the couples are shown below.

COLOR AND AGE OF BRIDE	AGE OF GROOM		
	Total ¹	Under 25 years	25 years and over
	WHITE		
NONWHITE ¹ -----	2,141	1,010	1,130
Under 25 years-----	1,244	798	446
25 years and over-----	896	212	684
	NONWHITE		
WHITE ¹ -----	2,665	1,260	1,405
Under 25 years-----	1,725	1,119	606
25 years and over-----	940	141	799

¹Totals include age not stated.

Proportionate age distributions of both white and nonwhite grooms were approximately equal, but more white brides were under 25 years of age (65 percent) than nonwhite (58 percent).

The modal or peak ages of first-married grooms by age of first-married brides (table 2-11) were equal to those for all couples (table 2-9) except at ages 40 and over, where the numbers of first-married couples were so small as to be marginal in reliability. For all first-married couples median age at marriage of brides was 19.9 years (mean age, 20.9 years) and median age of grooms was 22.3 years (mean age, 23.5 years). Median ages of grooms by age of bride ranged from 20.2 for grooms of brides under 18 years to 71.0 for those of brides 65 years and over (table 1-L); corresponding mean ages of grooms ranged from 20.6 to 69.6. By contrast the median ages of brides varied from 18.3 years for brides of grooms under 20 years of age to

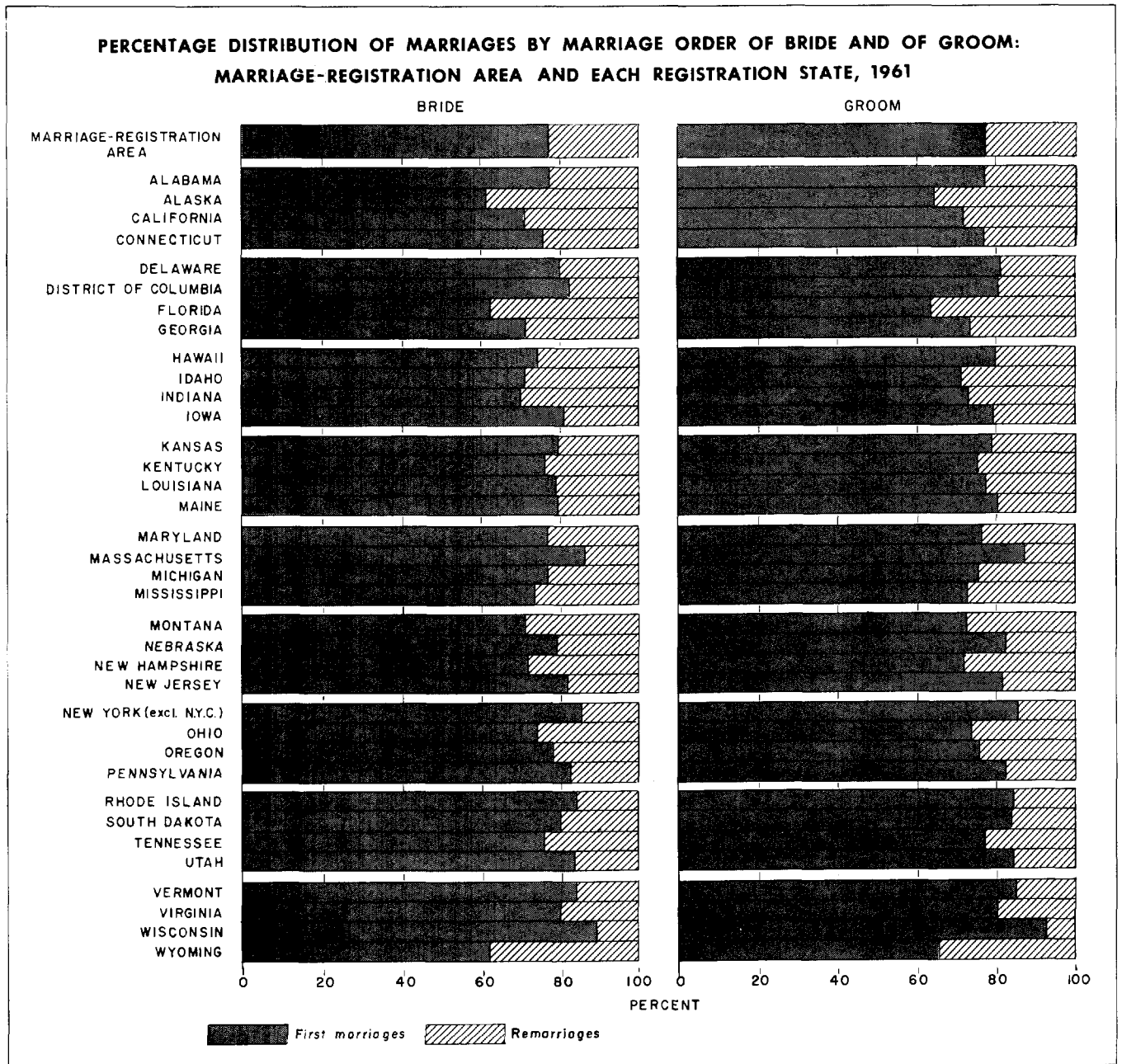
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57.0 for those married to grooms 65 years and over; corresponding mean ages of brides rose from 18.3 for those marrying grooms under 20 to 56.7 for those marrying grooms 65 years and older. Relationships between ages of brides and of grooms were found to be similar to those of previous years. At younger ages the mean age of grooms of brides aged 20 was 22.9, while the mean age of brides of grooms aged 20 was 19.1, 3.8 years younger than the mean age of grooms. At older age levels this difference became wider. For example, mean age of grooms of brides aged 55-64 was 61.7 years, but the mean age of brides of grooms aged 55-64

was 48.8 years—12.9 years less than the mean age of grooms. These relationships are similar if median rather than mean ages are compared. Thus, on the average, brides were younger than their partners at first marriage, and this difference increased as age at marriage increased.

In 1961 in the MRA, 77.0 percent of all brides and 77.3 percent of all grooms were marrying for the first time; the remainder in each case had been married previously (table 1-K and fig. 1-6). More brides married for the first time at age 18 and more grooms at age 21 than at any other ages (table 2-12). Classified into 5-year age groups, more

FIGURE 1-6



remarrying brides were in the age group 25-29 years and more remarrying grooms were in the 30-34 year age group than in any of the other 5-year age groups. The peak ages at first marriage were equal for white and nonwhite couples, but the peak age group at remarriage for white brides (under 25) was younger than the peak for nonwhite brides (30-34) and the peak for white grooms (25-29) was younger than the peak for nonwhite grooms (30-34).

Overall, distributions of age at first marriage of white brides and grooms have much higher peaks than do the corresponding distributions for nonwhite brides and grooms (table 2-12). The ratio of all white to all nonwhite first-married brides was roughly 7 to 1; corresponding approximate ratios rose from 4 to 1 for brides under 16 to 12 to 1 for brides 18 years of age and declined to ratios of 3 to 1 to 6 to 1 after age 23. Ratios of all white to all nonwhite first-married grooms of approximately 8 to 1 compare with ratios of 7 to 1 for grooms under 18, increase up to 11 to 1 at ages 18 to 23, and then decline to a ratio of about 4 to 1 after age 30. For remarriages, ages of white brides were concentrated in the age groups under 30, whereas relatively more nonwhite brides remarried at older ages. The same is true for grooms except that the ratios of white to nonwhite grooms aged 25-29 and 50-54 were both 11 to 1.

Among the registration States and the District of Columbia, the percent of all brides and grooms marrying for the first time varied from less than 70 in Alaska, Florida, and Wyoming to over 85 in Massachusetts, New York, and Wisconsin (fig. 1-6 and table 1-K).

Age at marriage, previous marital status, and color of bride and of groom

Of the 920,804 brides for whom previous marital status was reported 735,760 (or 80 percent) were single, 47,144 (or 5 percent) were widowed, and 137,900 (or 15 percent) were divorced (tables 2-18 and 2-19). Of the 921,088 grooms classified by previous marital status, 80 percent were single, 4 percent widowed, and 15 percent divorced. Since the single are identical to the first-married discussed above, the discussion which follows is focused on the widowed and divorced. Among all brides the ratio of widowed to divorced was about 1 to 3. Among white brides this ratio was also about 1 to 3, but among nonwhite brides it was closer to 1 to 2. Among all grooms this ratio was almost 1 to 3½. Among white grooms it was over 1 to 3½, but among nonwhite grooms it was closer to 1 to 2 than 1 to 3.

As in previous years, age distributions of the marital status groups varied, the peak age intervals being youngest for the single and the divorced and oldest for the widowed (table 2-18). Peak age intervals for single brides and grooms irrespective of color were under 25. Previously widowed white brides married most often at 50-54 years, but the corresponding distribution for previously widowed nonwhites was bimodal with peaks at both 35-39 and 50-54 years. Peak ages at marriage for white widowed grooms were 65 years and over and both 40-44 and 65 years and over for nonwhite. For previously divorced brides, the peak for nonwhite brides was an older age group (30-34) than that for white (under 25). A similar difference was found for

grooms, the peak for nonwhites being at 35-39 and for whites at 25-29. Secondary peaks in the age groups 35-39 and 40-44 indicate a young widowed group among nonwhite brides and grooms which is not shown in the age distribution of white previously widowed brides and grooms. Ages at remarriage of the divorced are, however, younger for white persons than for nonwhite.

Homogamy (like marrying like) is shown for previous marital status in table 2-7. The overall ratio of white to nonwhite couples was approximately 8 to 1, as were the ratios for all single brides and for all single grooms and that for the marriages of single partners. Relatively fewer white than nonwhite single brides married widowed grooms (4 to 1) and divorced grooms (7 to 1) compared with single marrying single. Corresponding ratios for single grooms were 6 to 1 for those marrying widowed brides and 9 to 1 for those marrying divorced brides. Among the widowed the ratio was approximately 7 to 1 for like marrying like; relatively more white than nonwhite widowed brides married divorced grooms (9 to 1); relatively fewer white than nonwhite widowed grooms married single brides (4 to 1) and divorced brides (5 to 1). As a group widowed grooms were relatively less numerous among whites than nonwhites with a ratio of 6 to 1 compared with 7 to 1 for widowed brides. Both divorced grooms and brides were relatively more frequent among whites than nonwhites (9 to 1) compared with the other two marital status categories. Marriages of divorced to divorced, with a ratio of over 11 to 1, were relatively even more common among whites, but among nonwhites more divorced brides and grooms married widowed and single partners, especially divorced grooms with single brides and divorced brides with widowed grooms. To summarize, like married like relatively less frequently among nonwhites than among whites. This generalization had one exception for divorced brides (single grooms with divorced brides) and one exception for divorced grooms (widowed brides with divorced grooms) but no exception for single brides or widowed grooms.

Among couples for whom color was reported, there were 2,665 marriages of white brides and nonwhite grooms and 2,141 marriages of nonwhite brides and white grooms distributed by previous marital status as follows:

COLOR AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM		
	Total ¹	Single	Previously married
	WHITE		
NONWHITE ¹ -----	2,141	1,247	794
Single-----	1,262	904	358
Previously married---	679	343	336
	NONWHITE		
WHITE ¹ -----	2,665	2,013	552
Single-----	1,968	1,703	165
Previously married---	597	210	387

¹Totals include previous marital status not stated.

While the figures for the previously married are so small as to be only marginally reliable, they provide evidence of greater homogamy for couples with white brides and non-white grooms than for the couples with nonwhite brides and white grooms. Proportions of single marrying single and of previously married marrying previously married were higher among the former.

The median ages of widowed brides and grooms who married widowed partners were in the age group 55-64 years, but the median ages of divorced brides and grooms who married widowed partners were in the 45-54 age group (frequencies in table 2-16). Median age of divorced grooms marrying divorced brides was in the 35-44 age bracket, but the median age of these brides was in the 25-34 age group.

Age distributions of brides by previous marital status crossed by age distributions of all grooms are shown in table 2-14; the obverse age distributions of grooms by previous marital status crossed by age distributions of all brides are shown in table 2-15. Thus, even though not all age intervals are comparable, data on age of bride by age of groom are shown for all brides and grooms (table 2-9) and for first-married brides and grooms (table 2-11) and, in tables 2-14, 2-15, and 2-16, for all brides cross-classified by grooms of each marital status group and vice versa, as well as for remarried brides and grooms classified as widowed or divorced. Age cross-classifications are also shown for white and nonwhite couples in table 2-10 and for the few reported white-nonwhite intermarriages in the table on page 1-13.

These data, although incompletely reported when classified by color and (for the remarried) by previous marital status, are similar to data published before 1960 and 1961. Together they constitute a start at developing a key demographic feature of marriage and divorce statistics—the quantitative description and analysis of selection of marriage partners which would answer questions such as

How are demographic and social characteristics such as age, color, marital status, and educational attainment matched in this selection?

How frequently do matches of partners with similar characteristics occur compared with matches of partners with varying amounts or types of dissimilarities?

Can the distributions of similarities and dissimilarities be attributed in important part to variations in ratios of males to females eligible for marriage in the populations from which the partners have selected each other?

Do the pairings on one variable such as age at marriage differ when couples are sorted on another variable such as color or educational level? If so, what are the quantitative estimates of these differences?

Number of this marriage of bride and of groom

In the marriage-registration area, 78 percent of all brides and also of all grooms who reported number of the marriage being solemnized (one, two, three, or more) were marrying for the first time, 19 percent of the brides and 18 percent of the grooms for the second time, and 4 percent of both brides and grooms married three times or more (table 1-M). Percents marrying for the first time differ slightly from those shown in table 1-K due to exclusion of not stated cases when the percents were computed; for the MRA all marriages in Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, and Oregon were excluded.

Percents of brides and grooms marrying for the second time were less than 15 in Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York (excluding New York City), Rhode Island, South Dakota (grooms only), Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin and 25 percent or more in Alaska, Florida, and Wyoming. Percents marrying three times or more were less than 1.5 in New Jersey, New York (excluding New York City), Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, for brides only in the District of Columbia and Rhode Island, and for grooms only in Maine, Massachusetts, and South Dakota.

Civil and religious marriage ceremonies

In the marriage-registration area in 1961, 17 percent of all first-married brides and grooms, 41 percent of all remarried brides, and 39 percent of all remarried grooms were married in civil rather than religious ceremonies (table 1-N). Among those married for the first time at ages under 20 years, 19 percent of the brides and 20 percent of the grooms were married in civil ceremonies; these percents for those brides and grooms aged 20-24 and 25-34 were equal to or less than corresponding percents for all first-married brides and grooms; these percents increased as ages increased, reaching a top of 35 percent for brides aged 45-54 and 38 percent for grooms aged 55-64. In the older ages at first marriage these percents again declined sharply for brides to 21.2 for those aged 55-64 and 16.3 for the small number (544) aged 65 and over and for grooms to 28.2 for those aged 65 and over. For remarried brides the percent married in civil ceremonies was 40 and higher for the four age intervals under 45, but it then declined to 26 percent for those aged 65 and over. For remarried grooms this percent was unusually high (55 percent) for the small number of grooms under 20 years of age (1,085) but dropped to 35 for those aged 20-24, rose again to about 41 for ages 25 through 54, and again declined to 31 percent for remarried grooms aged 65 and over.

The percents of civil marriages, both for the first married and the remarried, varied widely among individual States (table 1-Q). They were less than 10 for first marriages of brides and of grooms in Delaware, New York (excluding New York City), Pennsylvania (brides only), Rhode Island, Utah, and Wisconsin. They were 25 percent or higher in Alabama, Florida (grooms only), Georgia, New Hampshire, and Wyoming (grooms only). Among the re-

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married, the percent of civil ceremonies were less than 25 in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Utah, and Wisconsin as well as Virginia for grooms only. Percents of the remarried who had civil ceremonies were 55 or more in Connecticut, Georgia, and New Hampshire.

In addition to the data about civil and religious ceremonies for the marriage-registration area, data were also provided by six States on the denominations of clergymen officiating at religious ceremonies. These data, classified

by age at first marriage and at remarriage of the brides and grooms are made available in table 2-23. Most of the figures appearing in the column "Other and not stated" represent nonreporting of denominations of the officiating clergymen. Data from Pennsylvania and South Dakota are relatively incomplete; however, reporting of denomination was more than 90 percent complete for religious ceremonies in California, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia.

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Table 1-A. Estimated Number of Marriages and Marriage Rates With Percent Changes From Preceding Year: United States, 1920-61, and Marriage-Registration Area, 1957-61

(Data refer only to marriages occurring within the specified area. Rates per 1,000 population residing in area. Rates for 1940, 1950, and 1960 based on population enumerated as of April 1; for all other years, estimated as of July 1)

AREA AND YEAR	Number	Percent change in number	Rate	Percent change in rate	AREA AND YEAR	Number	Percent change in number	Rate	Percent change in rate
UNITED STATES ¹					UNITED STATES ¹ —Con.				
1961-----	1,549,000	+1.6	8.5	0	1936-----	1,369,000	+5.2	10.7	+2.9
1960-----	1,523,000	+1.9	8.5	0	1935-----	1,327,000	+1.9	10.4	+1.0
1959-----	1,494,000	+3.0	8.5	+1.2	1934-----	1,302,000	+18.6	10.3	+18.4
1958-----	1,451,000	-4.4	8.4	-5.6	1933-----	1,098,000	+11.8	8.7	+10.1
1957-----	1,518,000	-4.2	8.9	-6.3	1932-----	981,903	-7.4	7.9	-8.1
1956-----	1,585,000	+3.5	9.5	+2.2	1931-----	1,060,914	-5.9	8.6	-6.5
1955-----	1,531,000	+2.8	9.3	+1.1	1930-----	1,126,856	-8.6	9.2	-8.9
1954-----	1,490,000	-3.6	9.2	-6.1	1929-----	1,232,559	+4.2	10.1	+3.1
1953-----	1,546,000	+0.4	9.8	-1.0	1928-----	1,182,497	-1.5	9.8	-3.0
1952-----	1,539,318	-3.5	9.9	-4.8	1927-----	1,201,053	-0.1	10.1	-1.0
1951-----	1,594,694	-4.4	10.4	-6.3	1926-----	1,202,574	+1.2	10.2	-1.0
1950-----	1,667,231	+5.5	11.1	+4.7	1925-----	1,188,334	+0.3	10.3	-1.0
1949-----	1,579,798	-12.8	10.6	-14.5	1924-----	1,184,574	-3.7	10.4	-5.5
1948-----	1,811,155	-9.1	12.4	-10.8	1923-----	1,229,784	+8.4	11.0	+6.8
1947-----	1,981,878	-13.1	13.9	-15.2	1922-----	1,134,151	-2.6	10.3	-3.7
1946-----	2,291,045	+42.0	16.4	+34.4	1921-----	1,163,863	-8.7	10.7	-10.8
1945-----	1,612,992	+11.1	12.2	+11.9	1920-----	1,274,476	+10.8	12.0	+9.1
1944-----	1,452,394	-7.9	10.9	-6.8	MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA ²				
1943-----	1,577,050	-11.0	11.7	-11.4	1961-----	911,504	+4.4	7.8	+8.3
1942-----	1,772,132	+4.5	13.2	+3.9	1960-----	873,224	+10.8	7.2	-6.5
1941-----	1,695,999	+6.3	12.1	+5.0	1959-----	788,079	+5.3	7.7	0
1940-----	1,595,879	+13.7	12.1	+13.1	1958-----	748,437	-3.3	7.7	-6.1
1939-----	1,403,633	+5.5	10.7	+3.9	1957-----	774,305	---	8.2	---
1938-----	1,330,780	-8.3	10.3	-8.8					
1937-----	1,451,296	+6.0	11.3	+5.6					

¹Alaska included beginning 1959, and Hawaii, 1960.

²For 1957 and 1958, data are for 29 marriage-registration States; for 1959, 32 registration States; for 1960, 33 registration States; for 1961, 36 registration States. Data for 1957-59 and 1961 exclude the registration State of New York.

Table 1-B. Estimated Marriage Rates per 1,000 Unmarried Female Population 15 Years of Age and Over and 15-44 Years of Age: United States, 1940-61

(Data refer only to marriages occurring within the United States. Alaska included beginning 1959, and Hawaii, 1960. Rates for 1940, 1950, and 1960 based on population enumerated as of April 1; for all other years, estimated as of July 1)

YEAR AND TYPE OF RATE	Rate	YEAR AND TYPE OF RATE	Rate
TOTAL MARRIAGES PER 1,000 UNMARRIED FEMALE POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER		TOTAL MARRIAGES PER 1,000 UNMARRIED FEMALE POPULATION 15-44 YEARS OF AGE	
1961-----	72.2	1961-----	145.4
1960-----	73.5	1960-----	148.0
1959-----	73.6	1959-----	149.8
1958-----	72.0	1958-----	146.3
1957-----	78.0	1957-----	157.4
1956-----	82.4	1956-----	165.6
1955-----	80.9	1955-----	161.1
1954-----	79.8	1954-----	154.3
1953-----	83.7	1953-----	163.3
1952-----	83.2	1952-----	159.9
1951-----	86.6	1951-----	164.9
1950-----	90.2	1950-----	166.4
1949-----	86.7	1949-----	158.0
1948-----	98.5	1948-----	174.7
1947-----	106.2	1947-----	182.7
1946-----	118.1	1946-----	193.0
1945-----	83.6	1945-----	138.2
1944-----	76.5	1944-----	124.5
1943-----	83.0	1943-----	133.5
1942-----	93.0	1942-----	147.6
1941-----	88.5	1941-----	138.4
1940-----	82.8	1940-----	127.4

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Table 1-C. Estimated Number of Marriages and Marriage Rates by Month, With and Without Seasonal Adjustments: United States, 1953-61

(Data refer only to marriages occurring within the United States. Alaska included beginning 1959, and Hawaii, 1960. Estimates based on provisional data. Rates on an annual basis per 1,000 estimated population residing in area for specified month)

ITEM AND YEAR	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES												
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation												
1961-----	96,000	97,000	99,000	113,000	119,000	198,000	134,000	155,000	153,000	128,000	122,000	133,000
1960-----	93,000	105,000	91,000	118,000	120,000	201,000	135,000	150,000	145,000	122,000	121,000	127,000
1959-----	96,000	91,000	95,000	110,000	116,000	205,000	129,000	146,000	143,000	121,000	116,000	127,000
1958-----	91,000	89,000	88,000	109,000	116,000	193,000	124,000	146,000	135,000	115,000	118,000	127,000
1957-----	97,000	104,000	97,000	112,000	126,000	202,000	129,000	159,000	136,000	115,000	117,000	128,000
1956-----	97,000	100,000	100,000	115,000	122,000	215,000	134,000	152,000	149,000	129,000	125,000	139,000
1955-----	97,000	99,000	92,000	117,000	121,000	195,000	132,000	145,000	144,000	128,000	124,000	138,000
1954-----	93,000	105,000	94,000	111,000	118,000	187,000	132,000	132,000	137,000	122,000	121,000	131,000
1953-----	103,000	103,000	99,000	123,000	122,000	197,000	132,000	137,000	141,000	128,000	120,000	135,000
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation												
1961-----	125,000	129,000	135,000	122,000	127,000	125,000	127,000	134,000	136,000	133,000	131,000	127,000
1960-----	120,000	133,000	127,000	131,000	129,000	125,000	128,000	130,000	131,000	126,000	130,000	120,000
1959-----	124,000	124,000	126,000	122,000	121,000	127,000	126,000	123,000	128,000	126,000	124,000	121,000
1958-----	121,000	116,000	118,000	122,000	121,000	121,000	121,000	123,000	121,000	121,000	122,000	122,000
1957-----	129,000	134,000	127,000	129,000	133,000	124,000	126,000	135,000	122,000	120,000	120,000	123,000
1956-----	129,000	126,000	133,000	128,000	128,000	135,000	131,000	133,000	131,000	134,000	133,000	130,000
1955-----	127,000	126,000	124,000	127,000	128,000	126,000	127,000	130,000	130,000	128,000	129,000	129,000
1954-----	122,000	129,000	123,000	123,000	123,000	121,000	126,000	119,000	123,000	122,000	126,000	124,000
1953-----	135,000	130,000	130,000	133,000	128,000	128,000	127,000	125,000	126,000	128,000	124,000	128,000
RATES PER 1,000 TOTAL POPULATION												
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation												
1961-----	6.2	7.0	6.4	7.5	7.7	13.2	8.6	10.0	10.1	8.2	8.1	8.5
1960-----	6.1	7.4	6.0	8.0	7.9	13.6	8.9	9.8	9.8	8.0	8.1	8.3
1959-----	6.4	6.7	6.3	7.6	7.7	14.1	8.6	9.7	9.8	8.0	7.9	8.4
1958-----	6.2	6.7	6.0	7.6	7.9	13.5	8.4	9.9	9.4	7.7	8.2	8.5
1957-----	6.7	8.0	6.7	8.0	8.7	14.4	8.9	10.9	9.6	7.9	8.3	8.7
1956-----	6.9	7.6	7.1	8.4	8.6	15.6	9.4	10.7	10.8	9.0	9.0	9.7
1955-----	7.0	7.9	6.6	8.7	8.7	14.4	9.4	10.3	10.6	9.1	9.1	9.8
1954-----	6.8	8.5	6.9	8.4	8.6	14.1	9.6	9.6	10.3	8.8	9.0	9.4
1953-----	7.7	8.5	7.4	9.5	9.1	15.1	9.8	10.1	10.8	9.4	9.1	9.9
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation												
1961-----	8.3	8.5	8.9	8.0	8.4	8.2	8.3	8.8	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.4
1960-----	8.0	8.8	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.4	8.6	8.0
1959-----	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.4	7.8	9.2	8.9	7.8	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.2
1958-----	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.3
1957-----	9.1	9.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	8.7	8.9	9.4	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.5
1956-----	9.4	9.1	9.6	9.2	9.1	9.5	9.3	9.6	9.4	9.6	9.3	9.3
1955-----	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.3
1954-----	9.1	9.6	9.5	9.2	9.3	9.1	9.5	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.2	9.0
1953-----	10.3	10.0	10.0	10.2	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.5
RATES PER 1,000 FEMALE POPULATION 15-44 YEARS OF AGE												
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation												
1961-----	31.1	34.8	32.0	37.8	38.5	66.1	43.2	49.9	50.9	41.1	40.4	42.2
1960-----	30.5	36.8	29.8	40.0	39.3	67.9	44.2	49.0	49.0	39.8	40.8	41.3
1959-----	31.8	33.3	31.4	37.5	38.3	69.9	42.5	48.1	48.7	39.8	39.4	41.8
1958-----	30.3	32.8	29.3	37.5	38.6	66.3	41.2	48.5	46.3	38.1	40.4	42.1
1957-----	32.7	38.7	32.6	38.9	42.3	70.0	43.2	53.2	47.0	38.4	40.4	42.7
1956-----	32.9	36.2	33.9	40.2	41.3	75.2	45.3	51.4	52.1	43.6	43.6	46.9
1955-----	32.9	37.2	31.2	41.0	41.0	68.2	44.7	49.1	50.4	43.3	43.3	46.7
1954-----	31.6	39.5	31.9	39.0	40.1	65.6	44.8	44.8	48.0	41.4	42.4	44.4
1953-----	35.1	38.9	33.8	43.3	41.6	69.4	45.0	46.7	49.6	43.6	42.2	45.9
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation												
1961-----	41.4	42.5	44.8	40.2	42.0	41.1	41.7	43.8	44.4	43.4	42.4	41.5
1960-----	40.0	44.0	42.3	43.6	43.0	41.5	42.9	42.9	43.2	41.9	43.2	39.9
1959-----	42.1	42.0	42.3	41.1	40.8	42.8	42.0	41.2	42.9	42.5	41.6	40.9
1958-----	41.0	39.6	40.2	41.6	41.0	41.0	41.1	41.6	40.9	40.9	41.3	41.2
1957-----	44.4	45.8	43.6	44.2	45.7	42.4	43.1	45.9	41.7	40.9	41.0	42.0
1956-----	44.7	43.5	45.7	43.8	43.7	46.1	45.3	45.9	45.3	46.4	45.3	44.9
1955-----	44.0	43.4	43.0	43.6	44.4	43.5	43.7	44.7	44.7	44.7	44.7	44.6
1954-----	42.2	44.7	43.8	42.8	42.8	42.1	43.8	41.3	42.5	42.4	43.6	42.7
1953-----	46.9	45.5	45.4	46.3	44.6	44.8	44.3	43.3	43.9	44.4	43.2	44.1

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Table 1-D. Marriages and Marriage Rates: United States, Each Region, Division, and State, 1957-61

(By place of occurrence. Rates per 1,000 population in each area, enumerated as of April 1 for 1960 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years)

REGION, DIVISION, AND STATE	NUMBER					RATE				
	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
UNITED STATES ¹ -----	1,547,945	1,523,381	1,494,000	1,451,000	1,518,000	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3
Regions:										
Northeast-----	308,529	311,481	¹ 308,245	301,100	¹ 318,329	7.9	7.0	¹ 7.0	6.9	¹ 7.5
North Central-----	403,329	403,595	400,194	383,234	413,583	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.6	8.3
South ¹ -----	550,107	534,201	520,735	521,799	537,060	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.7	10.2
West ¹ -----	285,980	274,104	264,428	245,252	249,044	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.9
Northeast:										
New England-----	75,463	76,206	¹ 77,350	74,177	¹ 78,107	7.2	7.3	¹ 7.5	7.3	¹ 7.9
Middle Atlantic-----	233,066	235,275	230,895	226,923	240,222	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.8	7.3
North Central:										
East North Central-----	284,581	283,285	279,603	267,733	297,878	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.6	8.6
West North Central-----	118,748	120,310	120,591	115,501	115,705	7.6	7.8	7.9	7.6	7.6
South:										
South Atlantic ¹ -----	268,554	261,885	257,755	247,324	255,903	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.8	10.4
East South Central-----	112,184	¹ 110,300	99,705	114,787	126,927	9.2	¹ 9.2	8.3	9.7	10.8
West South Central-----	¹ 169,369	162,016	¹ 163,275	¹ 159,688	154,230	¹ 9.7	9.6	¹ 9.8	¹ 9.7	9.6
West:										
Mountain ¹ -----	130,492	122,818	122,629	111,361	118,035	18.0	17.9	18.3	17.1	18.5
Pacific-----	155,488	151,286	141,799	133,891	131,009	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0
New England:										
Maine-----	7,908	7,860	7,599	7,564	7,878	8.0	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.4
New Hampshire-----	7,347	7,337	7,287	6,997	7,189	11.9	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.5
Vermont-----	3,161	3,268	3,235	3,371	3,210	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.6
Massachusetts-----	33,614	34,050	¹ 35,950	33,583	¹ 35,790	6.5	6.6	¹ 7.1	6.8	¹ 7.3
Rhode Island-----	5,640	5,814	5,770	5,659	5,894	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.9
Connecticut-----	17,793	17,877	17,509	17,003	18,156	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.9
Middle Atlantic:										
New York-----	122,750	123,620	120,517	121,322	124,647	7.1	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.7
New Jersey-----	40,699	39,820	38,659	38,398	40,367	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.7	7.2
Pennsylvania-----	69,617	71,835	71,719	67,203	75,208	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.1	6.9
East North Central:										
Ohio-----	66,076	68,043	66,877	65,240	59,256	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.4
Indiana-----	42,261	42,050	40,982	38,949	² 74,891	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.5	² 16.5
Illinois-----	88,692	87,529	87,281	83,400	² 82,887	8.8	8.7	8.8	8.5	² 8.7
Michigan-----	63,320	61,090	58,826	55,159	55,121	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.3
Wisconsin-----	24,232	24,573	25,637	24,985	25,723	6.0	6.2	6.5	6.5	6.8
West North Central:										
Minnesota-----	24,123	23,596	23,188	23,554	23,862	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2
Iowa-----	21,962	24,774	25,116	23,958	23,840	7.9	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7
Missouri-----	34,890	35,699	35,380	³ 31,965	³ 31,395	8.1	8.3	8.3	³ 7.5	³ 7.4
North Dakota-----	4,335	4,039	4,282	4,275	4,198	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.9	6.7
South Dakota-----	6,213	5,787	5,861	5,702	5,726	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.4
Nebraska-----	10,976	10,591	10,724	10,607	10,702	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.7
Kansas-----	16,249	15,824	16,040	15,440	15,982	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.5
South Atlantic:										
Delaware-----	2,560	2,394	2,383	2,311	2,243	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3
Maryland-----	39,977	40,320	39,770	39,925	42,799	12.7	13.0	13.0	13.4	14.9
District of Columbia ² -----	9,101	8,600	8,377	8,094	8,043	11.7	11.3	10.9	10.5	10.4
Virginia-----	38,300	37,542	37,768	36,326	37,184	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.3	9.7
West Virginia-----	13,465	13,639	13,294	13,757	14,277	7.5	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.6
North Carolina ² -----	32,158	31,663	29,986	27,266	25,882	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.1	5.8
South Carolina ² -----	39,997	38,964	38,661	37,856	42,091	16.6	16.4	16.3	16.1	18.1
Georgia-----	52,062	49,448	48,928	47,219	51,235	12.9	12.5	12.5	12.2	13.4
Florida-----	40,934	39,315	38,598	34,569	32,149	7.8	7.9	8.1	7.6	7.6
East South Central:										
Kentucky-----	² 26,185	¹ 26,489	18,323	26,204	² 21,314	² 8.6	¹ 8.7	6.1	8.8	² 7.2
Tennessee-----	31,666	30,668	30,215	27,675	23,250	8.8	8.6	8.5	7.9	6.7
Alabama-----	32,723	31,910	30,722	24,506	19,868	9.8	9.8	9.5	7.6	6.3
Mississippi-----	21,610	21,233	20,447	36,402	62,495	9.7	9.7	9.5	17.2	23.3
West South Central:										
Arkansas-----	³ 18,768	³ 18,318	18,394	³ 15,333	13,037	³ 10.4	³ 10.3	10.3	³ 8.1	7.3
Louisiana-----	24,057	23,523	21,453	21,068	21,201	7.3	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.8
Oklahoma-----	³ 30,300	28,496	³ 30,170	133,466	³ 30,592	¹ 12.6	12.2	¹ 13.1	¹ 14.7	¹ 13.5
Texas-----	96,244	91,679	93,258	¹ 89,821	89,400	9.7	9.6	9.9	¹ 9.6	9.8
Mountain:										
Montana-----	5,635	5,892	6,228	6,142	6,485	8.1	8.7	9.3	9.3	9.8
Idaho-----	11,151	10,068	9,345	9,522	8,995	16.3	15.1	14.2	14.8	14.1
Wyoming-----	3,246	3,267	3,077	2,955	2,909	9.2	9.9	9.5	9.2	9.0
Colorado ² -----	16,842	15,895	15,518	14,691	13,831	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.7	8.2
New Mexico-----	³ 11,825	11,051	11,113	³ 5,814	³ 11,439	³ 12.0	11.6	12.0	³ 6.4	³ 13.1
Arizona-----	10,426	10,153	10,251	³ 9,805	9,652	7.3	7.8	8.2	³ 8.3	8.7
Utah-----	7,400	7,119	6,734	6,600	6,672	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.7	8.0
Nevada ² -----	63,967	59,373	60,365	55,832	58,042	201.8	208.1	216.4	203.9	225.8
Pacific:										
Washington-----	27,659	² 28,230	² 28,556	² 27,961	² 28,441	9.4	² 9.9	² 10.1	² 10.0	² 10.4
Oregon-----	10,798	10,606	10,166	9,895	9,961	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7
California-----	109,642	105,352	101,314	96,034	92,607	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5
Alaska-----	2,091	1,861	1,763	(1,616)	(1,686)	8.9	8.2	8.0	(7.6)	(7.4)
Hawaii-----	5,298	5,237	(4,958)	(4,727)	(4,897)	8.0	8.3	(8.0)	(7.8)	(8.4)

¹Data are estimated.²Data are marriage licenses issued.³Data are incomplete.

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Table 1-E. Percentage Distribution of Marriages by Age of Bride and of Groom, by Month
Marriage Performed: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 2-2, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for age not stated)

AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BRIDE-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 18 years-----	11.5	13.8	10.9	15.3	11.7	11.6	11.1	12.2	11.0	9.7	11.0	11.2	11.3
18 and 19 years-----	26.5	25.4	27.2	26.4	26.2	25.4	27.8	27.2	26.4	27.0	26.2	28.7	23.8
20-24 years-----	33.5	30.7	31.1	27.0	33.2	34.6	35.8	32.1	37.5	36.6	33.0	31.0	33.0
25-29 years-----	9.0	7.9	8.7	9.3	8.1	9.2	8.4	9.3	8.6	9.2	9.9	9.0	10.0
30-34 years-----	5.1	4.3	6.1	5.9	6.5	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.3
35-44 years-----	7.3	8.7	9.1	7.4	7.3	8.3	6.8	7.4	6.2	5.7	7.4	6.2	9.3
45 years and over-----	7.0	9.0	6.9	8.6	7.1	6.4	5.7	7.0	5.6	6.9	7.3	8.5	7.4
GROOM-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	13.2	14.8	13.5	16.3	13.4	11.5	12.2	13.0	12.9	11.9	12.9	14.0	14.1
20-24 years-----	43.9	38.6	40.2	40.7	41.9	44.7	49.1	45.8	48.1	45.6	45.1	42.5	39.7
25-29 years-----	16.8	15.9	16.3	14.6	17.7	17.4	16.7	17.0	16.1	18.4	17.1	17.8	15.9
30-34 years-----	7.8	8.5	8.9	7.4	8.1	8.3	7.3	6.4	8.5	6.9	8.6	7.1	8.8
35-44 years-----	8.5	10.3	11.5	9.2	8.8	8.2	6.8	8.3	6.7	8.1	8.0	7.8	10.3
45 years and over-----	9.8	11.9	9.6	11.8	10.1	9.9	7.9	9.5	7.7	9.1	10.4	10.8	11.1

Table 1-F. Percentage Distribution of Marriages by Month Performed, by Marriage Order and Color of Bride and of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 2-3, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for month not stated. Figures by color exclude data for Ohio; reporting of this item was not required)

MARRIAGE ORDER AND COLOR OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BRIDE													
All marriages-----	100.0	5.9	6.2	5.7	7.8	7.2	12.2	9.6	9.9	10.4	8.2	8.0	8.8
White-----	100.0	6.0	6.4	5.7	8.0	7.5	12.8	10.0	10.3	10.7	7.5	7.3	7.7
Nonwhite---	100.0	6.8	7.3	7.4	8.3	7.9	10.5	8.5	10.1	8.4	7.6	7.3	9.8
First marriages-----	100.0	5.6	5.9	5.3	7.8	7.3	12.9	9.6	10.3	10.8	8.1	7.9	8.5
White-----	100.0	5.8	6.0	5.2	8.2	7.5	13.4	10.1	10.6	11.0	7.6	7.2	7.5
Nonwhite---	100.0	6.4	7.3	7.0	7.9	8.1	11.0	8.4	10.3	8.6	7.8	7.3	10.0
Remarriages-----	100.0	6.8	7.4	7.2	7.7	7.2	9.8	9.5	8.8	9.1	8.4	8.3	9.8
White-----	100.0	6.9	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.6	10.7	9.9	9.4	9.4	7.2	7.6	8.4
Nonwhite---	100.0	8.2	7.1	8.7	10.0	7.3	9.1	9.3	9.2	7.6	6.9	7.6	9.0
GROOM													
All marriages-----	100.0	5.9	6.2	5.7	7.8	7.2	12.2	9.6	9.9	10.4	8.2	8.0	8.8
White-----	100.0	6.0	6.4	5.8	8.0	7.5	12.8	10.0	10.3	10.7	7.5	7.3	7.7
Nonwhite---	100.0	6.8	7.3	7.5	8.2	8.0	10.8	8.6	9.8	8.6	7.6	7.2	9.6
First marriages-----	100.0	5.6	6.1	5.5	7.7	7.2	12.9	9.7	10.4	10.4	8.1	8.1	8.3
White-----	100.0	5.7	6.2	5.4	8.0	7.3	13.4	10.2	10.8	10.6	7.6	7.4	7.4
Nonwhite---	100.0	6.7	7.2	7.9	8.5	7.7	10.9	8.6	9.7	8.6	7.4	7.3	9.5
Remarriages-----	100.0	6.8	6.7	6.5	8.1	7.4	9.8	9.2	8.1	10.5	8.7	7.5	10.6
White-----	100.0	7.1	7.0	6.9	8.3	8.1	10.4	9.6	8.6	10.8	7.3	6.8	9.0
Nonwhite---	100.0	7.1	7.3	5.5	7.5	9.1	10.4	8.7	10.0	8.7	8.5	7.0	10.1

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Table 1-G. Percentage Distribution of Marriages by Age of Bride and of Groom, by Resident Status in Place Where Married and Marriage Order: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 2-6, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for age not stated)

MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Total	RESIDENT STATUS IN PLACE WHERE MARRIED			
		Resident of county where married	Resident of other county in same State	Resident of other State in same region	Not resident of any State in region
ALL MARRIAGES					
Bride-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 18 years-----	11.5	11.9	11.8	9.4	9.8
18 and 19 years-----	26.5	27.3	23.3	25.9	24.2
20-24 years-----	33.5	34.9	31.0	27.5	28.3
25-29 years-----	9.0	8.5	10.4	10.2	16.7
30-34 years-----	5.1	4.7	5.7	6.9	6.6
35-44 years-----	7.3	6.5	8.7	11.3	10.1
45-64 years-----	6.2	5.4	8.4	8.1	10.1
65 years and over-----	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.1
Groom-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	13.2	14.7	10.6	10.7	9.6
20-24 years-----	43.9	44.4	44.0	41.6	42.5
25-29 years-----	16.8	16.6	18.1	15.9	16.3
30-34 years-----	7.8	7.3	8.0	9.6	9.0
35-44 years-----	8.5	7.7	9.2	10.6	9.8
45-64 years-----	7.6	7.0	8.4	9.0	9.8
65 years and over-----	2.1	2.2	1.6	2.6	2.4
FIRST MARRIAGES					
Bride-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 18 years-----	14.7	14.6	16.4	14.2	11.6
18 and 19 years-----	33.7	33.5	32.5	38.4	31.5
20-24 years-----	38.8	39.8	27.6	33.1	34.0
25-29 years-----	6.9	6.8	7.7	6.5	9.0
30-34 years-----	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.2	4.1
35-44 years-----	2.3	2.1	2.1	3.4	4.4
45-64 years-----	1.1	0.8	1.0	2.2	4.4
65 years and over-----	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Groom-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	16.8	18.4	13.9	14.6	12.3
20-24 years-----	54.4	54.3	55.3	54.6	53.0
25-29 years-----	17.5	17.1	18.9	16.7	18.4
30-34 years-----	5.6	5.1	6.2	7.2	6.7
35-44 years-----	3.8	3.4	4.3	4.5	5.4
45-64 years-----	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.1	3.7
65 years and over-----	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5
REMARRIAGES					
Bride-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	3.1	3.5	2.0	2.6	3.1
20-24 years-----	15.7	16.0	15.6	16.4	8.8
25-34 years-----	30.0	29.3	30.0	33.4	23.7
35-44 years-----	24.3	23.8	23.9	26.5	27.2
45-64 years-----	23.4	23.3	25.9	19.4	27.3
65 years and over-----	3.5	4.1	2.7	1.7	3.9
Groom-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.7
20-24 years-----	8.1	8.4	7.7	7.9	6.5
25-34 years-----	30.3	30.7	30.4	29.7	28.4
35-44 years-----	24.4	23.7	25.2	26.4	24.0
45-64 years-----	28.2	27.6	30.2	26.7	20.9
65 years and over-----	8.5	9.1	6.4	8.4	8.6

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Table 1-H. Percentage Distribution of Marriages by Resident Status of Bride and of Groom in Place Where Married: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 2-7, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for resident status not stated)

RESIDENT STATUS OF BRIDE IN PLACE WHERE MARRIED	All marriages	RESIDENT STATUS OF GROOM IN PLACE WHERE MARRIED		
		Resident of county where married	Resident of other county in same State	Nonresident of State where married
TOTAL-----	100.0	64.0	18.1	17.9
Resident of county where married-----	73.8	58.9	9.1	5.7
Resident of other county in same State-----	12.8	3.5	8.5	0.8
Nonresident of State where married-----	13.4	1.5	0.5	11.3

Table 1-J. Percentage Distribution of Marriages by Resident Status of Bride and of Groom in State Where Married: Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see tables 2-7 and 2-8, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for resident status not stated)

AREA	All marriages	RESIDENT BRIDE		NONRESIDENT BRIDE	
		Resident groom	Nonresident groom	Resident groom	Nonresident groom
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	100.0	80.0	6.6	2.1	11.3
Alabama-----	100.0	79.1	5.9	2.7	12.3
Alaska-----	100.0	91.0	2.4	5.3	1.3
California-----	100.0	91.3	4.5	1.6	2.6
Connecticut-----	100.0	77.2	8.7	2.4	11.8
Delaware-----	100.0	74.6	11.8	4.1	9.5
District of Columbia-----	100.0	32.4	15.9	11.2	40.5
Florida-----	100.0	89.8	5.8	2.3	2.2
Georgia-----	100.0	56.8	5.4	2.5	35.3
Hawaii-----	100.0	93.6	2.6	2.5	1.3
Idaho-----	100.0	44.1	6.0	2.4	47.6
Indiana-----	100.0	82.7	5.2	2.1	9.9
Iowa-----	100.0	72.3	6.5	2.2	19.1
Kansas-----	100.0	76.3	10.9	3.5	9.3
Kentucky-----	100.0	76.9	7.9	1.7	13.5
Louisiana-----	100.0	92.1	5.1	1.7	1.1
Maine-----	100.0	81.6	11.5	2.0	4.8
Maryland-----	100.0	49.1	7.5	3.5	39.8
Massachusetts-----	100.0	82.9	10.9	1.8	4.3
Michigan-----	100.0	88.8	3.5	1.4	6.3
Mississippi-----	100.0	74.7	7.2	3.1	15.0
Montana-----	100.0	80.8	7.5	3.0	8.7
Nebraska-----	100.0	79.1	8.6	2.4	10.0
New Hampshire-----	100.0	48.4	9.3	3.1	39.2
New Jersey-----	100.0	82.2	10.3	2.5	4.9
New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	100.0	89.1	5.3	1.6	4.0
Ohio-----	100.0	93.2	4.9	0.2	1.8
Oregon-----	100.0	84.4	8.2	2.8	4.6
Pennsylvania-----	100.0	87.9	7.6	0.6	3.9
Rhode Island-----	100.0	75.0	16.5	2.5	6.0
South Dakota-----	100.0	63.0	10.2	2.4	24.3
Tennessee-----	100.0	76.5	6.5	1.5	15.5
Utah-----	100.0	77.4	8.8	3.8	10.0
Vermont-----	100.0	69.3	12.4	4.4	14.0
Virginia-----	100.0	59.9	7.3	4.2	28.6
Wisconsin-----	100.0	91.2	5.4	1.4	2.0
Wyoming-----	100.0	66.2	9.5	3.1	21.2

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Table 1-K. Percentage Distribution of Marriages by Marriage Order of Bride and of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 2-13, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for marriage order not stated)

AREA	BRIDE		GROOM		AREA	BRIDE		GROOM	
	First marriages	Remarriages	First marriages	Remarriages		First marriages	Remarriages	First marriages	Remarriages
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	77.0	23.0	77.3	22.7	MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA—Con.				
Alabama-----	77.3	22.7	77.1	22.9	Montana-----	71.2	28.8	72.5	27.4
Alaska-----	61.9	38.1	64.2	35.8	Nebraska-----	79.6	20.4	82.1	17.9
California-----	71.1	28.9	71.8	28.2	New Hampshire-----	72.1	27.9	72.0	28.0
Connecticut-----	75.9	24.1	77.1	22.9	New Jersey-----	82.2	17.8	81.9	18.1
Delaware-----	80.1	19.9	81.3	18.7	New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	85.9	14.1	85.9	14.1
District of Columbia-----	82.6	17.4	80.6	19.4	Ohio-----	74.3	25.7	74.0	26.0
Florida-----	82.1	17.9	83.6	16.4	Oregon-----	78.5	21.5	76.1	23.9
Georgia-----	71.6	28.2	73.1	26.9	Pennsylvania-----	83.0	17.0	82.2	17.8
Hawaii-----	74.5	25.5	80.0	20.0	Rhode Island-----	84.5	15.5	84.0	16.0
Idaho-----	71.3	28.7	71.2	28.8	South Dakota-----	80.3	19.7	84.5	15.5
Indiana-----	70.3	29.7	73.1	26.9	Tennessee-----	76.4	23.6	77.1	22.9
Iowa-----	81.4	18.6	79.7	20.3	Utah-----	84.0	16.0	84.1	15.9
Kansas-----	79.7	20.3	78.8	21.2	Vermont-----	84.2	15.8	84.5	15.5
Kentucky-----	76.1	23.9	75.9	24.1	Virginia-----	80.4	19.6	80.4	19.6
Louisiana-----	79.0	21.0	77.4	22.6	Wisconsin-----	89.8	10.2	92.4	7.6
Maine-----	79.7	20.3	80.1	19.9	Wyoming-----	62.4	37.6	65.5	34.5
Maryland-----	77.1	22.9	76.9	23.1					
Massachusetts-----	86.7	13.3	87.4	12.6					
Michigan-----	77.0	23.0	76.0	24.0					
Mississippi-----	73.8	26.2	72.8	27.2					

Table 1-L. Specified Age of Bride and of Groom and Median and Mean Age of Spouse at First Marriage of Both: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Computed on figures excluding those for age not stated)

SPECIFIED AGE OF BRIDE	Median age of groom	Mean age of groom	SPECIFIED AGE OF GROOM	Median age of bride	Mean age of bride
Under 18 years-----	20.2	20.6	Under 20 years-----	18.3	18.3
18 years-----	21.1	21.4	20 years-----	19.0	19.1
19 years-----	21.6	22.1	21 years-----	19.4	19.6
20 years-----	22.3	22.9	22 years-----	20.1	20.2
21 years-----	23.2	23.9	23 years-----	20.6	20.8
22 years-----	23.9	24.6	24 years-----	21.4	21.4
23 years-----	24.8	25.7	25-29 years-----	22.3	22.0
24 years-----	25.9	26.8	30-34 years-----	24.9	26.0
25-29 years-----	27.7	28.4	35-39 years-----	27.4	27.9
30-34 years-----	32.4	33.6	40-44 years-----	30.9	31.3
35-39 years-----	36.3	37.7	45-54 years-----	33.0	33.4
40-44 years-----	44.7	43.4	55-64 years-----	49.5	49.0
45-54 years-----	48.9	49.8	65 years and over-----	57.0	56.7
55-64 years-----	61.9	61.7			
65 years and over-----	71.0	69.6			

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Table 1-M. Percentage Distribution of Marriages by Number of This Marriage of Bride and of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 2-20, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for number of this marriage not stated. Figures by number of this marriage for the MRA exclude data for Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, and Oregon; reporting of this item was not required)

AREA	NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE OF BRIDE				NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE OF GROOM			
	Total	One	Two	Three or more	Total	One	Two	Three or more
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	100.0	77.7	18.6	3.7	100.0	77.9	18.3	3.8
Alabama-----	100.0	77.5	18.9	3.6	100.0	77.2	18.5	4.3
Alaska-----	100.0	61.9	26.1	12.1	100.0	64.2	25.0	10.7
California-----	100.0	71.3	22.4	6.3	100.0	71.9	22.1	5.9
Connecticut-----	100.0	75.9	22.6	1.5	100.0	77.1	20.7	2.1
Delaware-----	100.0	80.2	18.0	1.9	100.0	81.3	16.9	1.7
District of Columbia-----	100.0	82.6	16.1	1.3	100.0	80.6	16.3	3.1
Florida-----	100.0	65.3	27.6	9.1	100.0	64.5	27.2	8.3
Georgia-----	100.0	72.1	24.4	3.5	100.0	73.2	22.9	3.9
Hawaii-----	100.0	74.6	19.7	5.7	100.0	80.0	17.2	2.8
Idaho-----	100.0	100.0	---	---	100.0	100.0	---	---
Indiana-----	100.0	72.2	23.2	4.7	100.0	74.2	18.8	7.0
Iowa-----	100.0	81.4	15.8	2.8	100.0	79.7	17.2	3.1
Kansas-----	100.0	100.0	---	---	100.0	100.0	---	---
Kentucky-----	100.0	89.9	8.6	1.5	100.0	89.4	8.7	1.8
Louisiana-----	100.0	79.9	17.3	2.8	100.0	78.7	18.3	3.0
Maine-----	100.0	80.0	16.6	3.4	100.0	80.2	18.4	1.4
Maryland-----	100.0	100.0	---	---	100.0	100.0	---	---
Massachusetts-----	100.0	86.8	11.7	1.5	100.0	87.4	11.3	1.2
Michigan-----	100.0	77.0	18.1	4.9	100.0	76.0	17.9	6.1
Mississippi-----	100.0	74.0	20.6	5.4	100.0	73.0	20.1	6.9
Montana-----	100.0	75.0	20.6	4.5	100.0	76.2	22.0	1.9
Nebraska-----	100.0	79.9	17.0	3.1	100.0	82.4	15.9	1.6
New Hampshire-----	100.0	72.1	23.3	4.6	100.0	72.0	24.2	3.8
New Jersey-----	100.0	82.8	15.8	1.4	100.0	82.4	17.0	0.6
New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	100.0	85.9	13.4	0.7	100.0	85.9	12.9	1.2
Ohio-----	100.0	74.3	20.3	5.4	100.0	74.0	21.4	4.6
Oregon-----	100.0	100.0	---	---	100.0	100.0	---	---
Pennsylvania-----	100.0	85.4	15.3	1.3	100.0	82.7	16.0	1.3
Rhode Island-----	100.0	84.5	14.0	1.4	100.0	84.9	13.5	1.6
South Dakota-----	100.0	81.0	16.3	2.7	100.0	85.0	13.7	1.3
Tennessee-----	100.0	76.7	19.7	3.6	100.0	77.2	18.2	4.6
Utah-----	100.0	84.2	12.2	3.5	100.0	84.3	13.2	2.6
Vermont-----	100.0	84.2	13.9	1.9	100.0	84.5	13.7	1.8
Virginia-----	100.0	80.6	17.3	2.1	100.0	80.4	17.2	2.4
Wisconsin-----	100.0	89.8	9.3	0.9	100.0	92.4	6.5	1.1
Wyoming-----	100.0	62.5	27.7	9.8	100.0	65.5	26.4	8.1

Table 1-N. Percentage Distribution of First Marriages and Remarriages by Type of Ceremony Performed, by Age of Bride and of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 2-21, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for type of ceremony not stated. Figures by type of ceremony exclude data for Ohio; reporting of this item was not required)

AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	FIRST MARRIAGES			REMARRIAGES		
	Total	Type of ceremony performed		Total	Type of ceremony performed	
		Civil	Religious		Civil	Religious
BRIDE-----	100.0	16.5	83.5	100.0	41.4	58.6
Under 20 years-----	100.0	18.6	81.4	100.0	40.5	59.5
20-24 years-----	100.0	12.7	87.3	100.0	44.6	55.4
25-34 years-----	100.0	17.3	82.7	100.0	41.5	58.5
35-44 years-----	100.0	25.9	74.1	100.0	47.3	52.7
45-54 years-----	100.0	35.0	65.0	100.0	36.7	63.3
55-64 years-----	100.0	21.2	78.8	100.0	33.1	66.9
65 years and over-----	100.0	16.3	83.7	100.0	25.5	74.5
GROOM-----	100.0	17.4	82.6	100.0	38.5	61.5
Under 20 years-----	100.0	20.3	79.7	100.0	55.0	45.0
20-24 years-----	100.0	15.0	85.0	100.0	35.1	64.9
25-34 years-----	100.0	17.4	82.6	100.0	39.0	61.0
35-44 years-----	100.0	29.8	70.2	100.0	41.9	58.1
45-54 years-----	100.0	36.4	63.6	100.0	41.2	58.8
55-64 years-----	100.0	38.3	61.7	100.0	33.5	66.5
65 years and over-----	100.0	28.2	71.8	100.0	31.1	68.9

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Table 1-O. Percentage Distribution of First Marriages and Remarriages of Bride and of Groom, by Type of Ceremony Performed: Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see tables 2-21 and 2-22, Section 2. Computed on totals excluding figures for type of ceremony not stated. Figures by type of ceremony for the MRA exclude data for Ohio; reporting of this item was not required)

AREA	BRIDE						GROOM					
	First marriages			Remarriages			First marriages			Remarriages		
	Total	Civil	Religious	Total	Civil	Religious	Total	Civil	Religious	Total	Civil	Religious
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	100.0	16.5	83.5	100.0	41.4	58.6	100.0	17.4	82.6	100.0	38.5	61.5
Alabama-----	100.0	34.1	65.9	100.0	51.2	48.8	100.0	34.2	65.8	100.0	50.8	49.2
Alaska-----	100.0	23.0	77.0	100.0	51.0	49.0	100.0	24.4	75.6	100.0	50.1	49.9
California-----	100.0	15.8	86.2	100.0	28.5	71.5	100.0	14.8	85.2	100.0	26.3	73.7
Connecticut-----	100.0	15.8	84.2	100.0	57.9	42.1	100.0	17.0	83.0	100.0	55.9	44.1
Delaware-----	100.0	8.0	92.0	100.0	21.5	78.5	100.0	8.3	91.7	100.0	21.1	78.9
District of Columbia-----	100.0	11.8	88.2	100.0	12.7	87.3	100.0	10.7	89.3	100.0	17.0	83.0
Florida-----	100.0	23.9	76.1	100.0	44.1	55.9	100.0	25.1	74.9	100.0	43.0	57.0
Georgia-----	100.0	46.6	53.4	100.0	69.7	30.3	100.0	46.9	53.1	100.0	69.8	30.2
Hawaii-----	100.0	18.7	81.3	100.0	49.6	50.4	100.0	22.3	77.7	100.0	42.9	57.1
Idaho-----	100.0	26.5	73.5	100.0	44.3	55.7	100.0	28.8	71.2	100.0	38.4	61.6
Indiana-----	100.0	14.9	85.1	100.0	36.1	63.9	100.0	15.6	84.4	100.0	35.7	64.3
Iowa-----	100.0	12.8	87.2	100.0	40.2	59.8	100.0	13.0	87.0	100.0	36.8	63.2
Kansas-----	100.0	12.6	87.4	100.0	37.3	62.7	100.0	12.2	87.8	100.0	37.1	62.9
Kentucky-----	100.0	15.1	86.9	100.0	34.3	65.7	100.0	12.4	87.6	100.0	37.0	63.0
Louisiana-----	100.0	12.7	87.3	100.0	41.4	58.6	100.0	12.9	87.1	100.0	39.5	60.5
Maine-----	100.0	14.2	85.8	100.0	41.9	58.1	100.0	14.9	85.1	100.0	39.5	60.5
Maryland ¹ -----	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	...	100.0
Massachusetts-----	100.0	14.4	85.6	100.0	51.6	48.4	100.0	16.1	83.9	100.0	42.0	58.0
Michigan-----	100.0	18.8	81.2	100.0	47.1	52.9	100.0	19.1	80.9	100.0	45.2	54.8
Mississippi-----	100.0	22.7	77.3	100.0	47.8	52.2	100.0	24.2	75.8	100.0	42.6	57.4
Montana-----	100.0	21.4	78.6	100.0	48.1	51.9	100.0	21.0	79.0	100.0	50.6	49.4
Nebraska-----	100.0	14.6	85.4	100.0	47.7	52.3	100.0	16.4	83.6	100.0	44.3	55.7
New Hampshire-----	100.0	39.4	60.6	100.0	61.5	38.5	100.0	40.6	59.4	100.0	58.3	41.7
New Jersey-----	100.0	14.1	85.9	100.0	42.3	57.7	100.0	14.5	85.5	100.0	40.7	59.3
New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	100.0	7.8	92.2	100.0	40.0	60.0	100.0	9.0	91.0	100.0	32.5	67.5
Ohio-----	100.0	---	---	100.0	---	---	100.0	---	---	100.0	---	---
Oregon-----	100.0	12.6	87.4	100.0	30.4	69.6	100.0	13.0	87.0	100.0	27.1	72.9
Pennsylvania-----	100.0	9.6	90.4	100.0	53.4	46.6	100.0	11.5	88.5	100.0	43.1	56.9
Rhode Island-----	100.0	8.0	92.0	100.0	40.2	59.8	100.0	9.2	90.8	100.0	34.1	65.9
South Dakota-----	100.0	19.4	80.6	100.0	49.6	50.4	100.0	22.0	78.0	100.0	43.3	56.7
Tennessee-----	100.0	21.9	78.1	100.0	44.4	55.6	100.0	22.4	77.6	100.0	43.0	57.0
Utah-----	100.0	4.9	95.1	100.0	10.7	89.3	100.0	5.2	94.8	100.0	8.7	91.3
Vermont-----	100.0	12.2	87.8	100.0	35.9	64.1	100.0	12.6	87.4	100.0	34.0	66.0
Virginia-----	100.0	14.9	85.1	100.0	30.0	70.0	100.0	16.3	83.7	100.0	24.5	75.5
Wisconsin-----	100.0	4.7	95.3	100.0	18.7	81.3	100.0	5.3	94.7	100.0	16.3	83.7
Wyoming-----	100.0	22.3	77.7	100.0	53.8	46.2	100.0	25.4	74.6	100.0	50.7	49.3

¹Civil ceremonies are not provided for in the laws of Maryland.

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Table I-P. Percentage Distribution of All Marriages and First Marriages by Age of Bride and of Groom and Median Age at Marriage: Total of 17 Selected States, 1952-61

(By place of occurrence. Selected States are Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York (excl. N.Y.C.), Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Wyoming. For 1952-59, basic data are counts of marriages performed supplied by each State. For 1960 and 1961, data are based on sample. Computed on totals excluding figures for age not stated. Figures for All Marriages include marriage order not stated)

AGE AND MARRIAGE ORDER	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
ALL MARRIAGES										
Bride-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	41.7	39.9	39.6	39.0	37.7	36.8	35.6	34.6	33.7	33.0
20-24 years-----	31.9	32.3	32.1	32.7	33.2	33.8	34.6	34.4	34.6	34.5
25-29 years-----	7.9	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.7	10.1	10.5	11.0	11.4	11.8
30-34 years-----	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.6
35-44 years-----	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.7	7.8
45-64 years-----	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.6
65 years and over-----	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Median age-----	21.3	21.6	21.6	21.7	21.9	21.9	22.1	22.2	22.4	22.5
Groom-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	14.6	13.3	12.7	12.4	11.7	10.8	10.5	10.9	10.5	9.9
20-24 years-----	45.4	44.2	44.5	44.5	43.8	44.4	43.8	42.0	41.9	41.6
25-29 years-----	15.5	17.1	17.1	17.9	19.2	19.6	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.4
30-34 years-----	6.9	7.3	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.3	8.6	9.2
35-44 years-----	8.2	8.0	8.2	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.7	9.1	9.4
45-64 years-----	7.6	8.0	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.7	7.8	8.0
65 years and over-----	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6
Median age-----	23.9	24.1	24.2	24.2	24.4	24.4	24.5	24.7	24.7	24.8
FIRST MARRIAGES										
Bride-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	51.8	50.0	49.9	48.7	46.9	45.9	44.4	43.5	42.3	41.5
20-24 years-----	36.4	37.2	37.0	37.6	38.3	38.9	39.9	39.9	40.3	40.2
25-29 years-----	6.2	7.0	6.9	7.3	8.0	8.4	8.7	9.3	9.7	10.2
30-34 years-----	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.0
35-44 years-----	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.0
45-64 years-----	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
65 years and over-----	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Median age-----	19.8	20.0	20.0	20.2	20.4	20.5	20.7	20.8	21.0	21.1
Groom-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20 years-----	18.2	16.9	16.1	15.5	14.6	13.4	13.1	13.7	13.2	12.5
20-24 years-----	55.3	53.8	54.4	54.1	52.9	53.6	52.9	51.2	51.2	50.8
25-29 years-----	18.0	18.0	17.8	18.8	20.4	20.6	21.6	21.8	21.7	21.8
30-34 years-----	4.7	5.3	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.7	7.0	7.6
35-44 years-----	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.2
45-64 years-----	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0
65 years and over-----	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Median age-----	22.9	23.1	23.1	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.7

Table I-Q. Percentage Distribution of Marriages by Marriage Order of Bride and of Groom: Total of 17 Selected States, 1952-61

(By place of occurrence. For States included, see headnote to table I-P. For 1952-59, basic data are counts of marriages performed supplied by each State. For 1960 and 1961, data are based on sample. Computed on totals excluding figures for marriage order not stated)

YEAR	BRIDE			GROOM		
	All marriages	First marriages	Remarriages	All marriages	First marriages	Remarriages
1961-----	100.0	78.9	21.1	100.0	78.7	21.3
1960-----	100.0	78.3	21.7	100.0	78.6	21.4
1959-----	100.0	77.8	22.2	100.0	78.8	21.2
1958-----	100.0	78.6	21.4	100.0	79.4	20.6
1957-----	100.0	79.0	21.0	100.0	79.9	20.1
1956-----	100.0	78.8	21.2	100.0	79.9	20.1
1955-----	100.0	78.7	21.3	100.0	79.8	20.2
1954-----	100.0	77.9	22.1	100.0	79.1	20.9
1953-----	100.0	78.5	21.5	100.0	79.4	20.6
1952-----	100.0	78.3	21.7	100.0	79.4	20.6

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Sampling Variability of the Marriage Statistics

The following statement is essential to understanding the limitations and uses of the small numbers in the tables which present statistics based on data from probability samples of marriage records. The headnote to each such table includes "Based on sample data."

Sampling errors for statistics from the marriage-registration area and each registration State are shown in table 7-7 in the Technical Appendix. In order to reflect more clearly the general patterns of relationships and to retain the convenience of numbers which add to marginal totals, data tables contain some individual small numbers which convey very limited information because the sampling error is so large. It is suggested that for any number less than those shown in the column "Minimum useful statistic" the interpretation be simply "small" rather than any more precise value.

	<i>Minimum useful statistic</i>		<i>Minimum useful statistic</i>
Marriage-registration area-----	650	Michigan-----	1,000
Alabama-----	200	Mississippi-----	200
Alaska-----	10	Montana-----	100
California-----	1,000	Nebraska-----	200
Connecticut-----	200	New Hampshire-----	100
Delaware-----	10	New Jersey-----	200
District of Columbia---	200	New York	
Florida-----	200	(excl. N.Y.C.)-----	1,000
Georgia-----	1,000	Ohio-----	1,000
Hawaii-----	100	Oregon-----	200
Idaho-----	200	Pennsylvania-----	1,000
Indiana-----	1,000	Rhode Island-----	100
Iowa-----	200	South Dakota-----	100
Kansas-----	200	Tennessee-----	200
Kentucky-----	200	Utah-----	100
Louisiana-----	200	Vermont-----	10
Maine-----	100	Virginia-----	200
Maryland-----	200	Wisconsin-----	200
Massachusetts-----	200	Wyoming-----	10
		Puerto Rico-----	200
		Virgin Islands-----	10

The rule for selection of these minimum useful statistics is based on an argument that for statistics as small as 1 percent of the total for a State, a relative error of up to about 60 percent can be tolerated with 95 percent confidence. This is a "central tendency rule" and there will, of course, be some deviation from it. Further, the figure of 10 observations rather than, say, 12 is shown because of somewhat greater convenience in presenting and interpreting the minimum useful number.

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Table 2-3. Marriages by Marriage Order and Color of Bride and of Groom, by Month Marriage Performed: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

MARRIAGE ORDER AND COLOR OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BRIDE													
All marriages-----	963,995	56,826	60,135	55,303	74,961	69,861	117,650	92,135	95,887	100,282	78,781	76,908	85,255
White-----	762,622	45,862	48,638	43,836	61,351	57,235	97,697	76,431	78,619	81,448	57,088	55,604	58,802
Nonwhite---	100,826	6,824	7,374	7,475	8,368	8,013	10,602	8,603	10,165	8,422	7,711	7,361	9,908
First marriages-----	735,760	41,370	43,191	38,977	57,502	55,551	94,985	70,523	75,606	79,488	59,824	58,008	62,724
White-----	584,516	33,628	34,822	30,496	47,755	43,853	78,531	58,821	61,740	64,575	44,613	42,101	43,570
Nonwhite---	78,419	4,982	5,706	5,469	6,216	6,335	8,625	6,561	8,104	6,721	6,089	5,744	7,869
Remarriages-----	219,223	14,833	16,123	15,686	16,968	15,749	21,504	20,921	19,219	19,894	18,497	18,298	21,531
White-----	172,008	11,891	13,275	12,940	15,236	13,042	18,446	17,079	16,117	16,155	12,535	13,022	14,472
Nonwhite---	20,243	1,662	1,428	1,766	2,031	1,477	1,838	1,882	1,861	1,541	1,402	1,536	1,819
GROOM													
All marriages-----	963,995	56,826	60,135	55,303	74,961	69,861	117,650	92,135	95,887	100,282	78,781	76,908	85,255
White-----	763,759	45,791	48,738	44,028	61,402	57,095	97,621	76,595	79,040	81,427	57,302	55,639	59,070
Nonwhite---	101,689	6,955	7,434	7,593	8,359	8,154	10,968	8,718	9,966	8,743	7,778	7,308	9,713
First marriages-----	738,581	41,558	44,841	40,434	56,813	53,092	95,300	71,538	77,144	76,625	59,478	60,169	61,588
White-----	588,651	33,439	36,475	31,978	47,016	42,999	79,125	59,899	63,599	62,532	44,660	43,652	43,277
Nonwhite---	78,127	5,270	5,944	6,154	6,637	6,002	8,554	6,718	7,585	6,681	5,757	5,736	7,409
Remarriages-----	217,117	14,833	14,654	14,209	17,658	16,168	21,169	19,947	17,681	22,857	18,823	16,177	22,927
White-----	169,184	12,091	11,983	11,650	13,996	13,696	17,616	16,266	14,599	18,275	12,382	11,526	15,193
Nonwhite---	21,520	1,525	1,570	1,179	1,622	1,952	2,233	1,880	2,161	1,882	1,821	1,511	2,184

Table 2-4. Marriages by Day of Week Marriage Performed: Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals by day of week include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

AREA	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	963,995	106,646	63,363	48,526	49,384	59,020	135,849	498,485
Alabama-----	32,720	2,520	2,900	2,200	2,460	2,360	6,620	11,120
Alaska-----	2,091	187	162	153	146	184	494	764
California-----	109,600	16,100	7,300	5,300	5,500	7,200	18,500	49,700
Connecticut-----	17,780	1,120	1,100	780	560	800	1,380	1,200
Delaware-----	2,560	195	99	102	105	112	306	1,640
District of Columbia-----	9,080	1,160	540	480	480	500	1,240	4,700
Florida-----	40,940	4,100	4,620	3,300	2,240	4,280	8,880	13,540
Georgia-----	52,100	8,500	4,200	4,400	4,400	4,000	8,600	18,000
Hawaii-----	5,290	320	300	300	220	240	490	3,420
Idaho-----	11,060	720	1,440	740	1,000	1,260	2,480	3,420
Indiana-----	42,300	5,500	2,300	1,700	2,100	1,700	7,800	21,100
Iowa-----	21,960	3,920	1,280	1,140	920	1,120	2,700	10,880
Kansas-----	16,140	3,880	1,080	780	980	780	2,460	6,180
Kentucky ¹ -----	22,240	1,560	1,880	1,660	1,440	1,820	3,700	10,380
Louisiana-----	24,060	3,360	1,880	1,260	1,080	1,820	3,100	11,460
Maine-----	7,880	580	470	320	390	320	1,100	4,700
Maryland-----	39,980	3,520	4,280	1,560	3,880	3,260	6,340	17,140
Massachusetts-----	33,660	6,520	1,320	1,060	740	1,160	2,760	20,100
Michigan-----	63,300	2,200	3,900	2,300	2,100	2,600	8,100	42,100
Mississippi-----	21,600	3,520	1,700	1,440	1,380	2,260	3,640	7,460
Montana-----	5,630	730	390	380	430	350	980	2,360
Nebraska-----	10,980	2,300	580	520	660	780	1,460	4,680
New Hampshire-----	7,380	400	560	370	420	440	1,010	4,140
New Jersey-----	40,700	5,360	1,980	1,140	1,180	1,700	3,180	26,140
New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	56,800	9,200	1,600	1,700	1,700	2,300	4,100	36,200
Ohio-----	66,000	4,900	3,900	2,800	2,800	3,000	7,000	41,600
Oregon-----	10,780	1,320	480	640	480	520	2,740	4,600
Pennsylvania-----	69,600	5,600	2,000	2,100	2,000	3,400	5,300	49,200
Rhode Island-----	5,640	240	280	310	160	350	350	3,950
South Dakota-----	6,250	990	420	480	410	400	1,030	2,520
Tennessee-----	31,660	2,360	3,000	2,520	2,740	3,060	6,740	11,240
Utah-----	7,390	140	700	450	720	1,160	2,630	1,550
Vermont-----	3,188	227	142	102	127	139	284	2,147
Virginia-----	38,220	2,380	4,080	3,040	2,740	2,700	6,720	16,560
Wisconsin-----	24,240	540	420	780	440	680	800	20,580
Wyoming-----	3,246	477	280	239	256	285	535	1,174

¹Data are incomplete.

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Table 2-5. Marriages by Marriage Order and Age of Bride and of Groom, by Resident Status of Bride and Groom in State Where Married: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Total	RESIDENT-BRIDE		NONRESIDENT BRIDE		MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Total	RESIDENT BRIDE		NONRESIDENT BRIDE	
		Resident groom	Nonresident groom	Resident groom	Nonresident groom			Resident groom	Nonresident groom	Resident groom	Nonresident groom
ALL MARRIAGES						FIRST MARRIAGES—Con.					
Bride-----	963,995	770,936	63,540	20,058	108,721	Bride—Con.					
Under 16 years-----	10,779	8,451	452	162	1,614	25 years-----	15,882	12,618	1,567	339	1,100
16 years-----	39,221	32,816	1,399	690	4,306	26 years-----	12,578	8,930	1,713	552	1,393
17 years-----	60,995	53,270	2,638	581	4,506	27 years-----	9,608	7,398	1,283	231	700
18 years-----	140,551	113,471	7,387	2,697	16,896	28 years-----	7,288	5,552	524	162	1,000
19 years-----	114,803	95,280	6,420	1,950	11,093	29 years-----	5,675	4,484	539	47	605
20 years-----	98,517	81,649	7,005	2,150	7,673	30-34 years-----	17,988	13,973	1,557	618	1,840
21 years-----	68,415	57,750	7,050	1,633	9,806	35-44 years-----	16,901	12,738	899	198	3,006
22 years-----	61,023	48,106	6,740	1,321	4,716	45-54 years-----	5,866	3,620	465	205	1,576
23 years-----	43,919	35,497	3,702	822	3,838	55 years and over-----	2,710	1,660	193	221	636
24 years-----	30,757	24,433	2,631	791	2,882	Groom-----	738,581	597,996	52,844	13,391	73,890
25 years-----	23,648	18,732	1,845	549	2,401	Under 18 years-----	11,418	9,322	61	335	1,600
26 years-----	20,031	14,377	2,057	896	2,711	18 years-----	45,075	37,512	1,566	537	5,460
27 years-----	16,564	12,359	1,768	370	2,067	19 years-----	67,487	57,947	2,724	820	5,906
28 years-----	13,396	10,381	937	246	1,812	20 years-----	78,986	67,016	3,965	1,455	6,516
29 years-----	12,783	9,851	680	352	1,900	21 years-----	110,057	85,846	8,521	2,177	13,473
30-34 years-----	49,099	37,319	2,959	1,096	7,705	22 years-----	91,499	74,772	6,941	1,949	7,707
35-44 years-----	53,252	3,297	1,733	12,360		23 years-----	69,954	56,619	5,965	1,169	6,141
45-54 years-----	39,299	30,553	1,654	893	6,199	24 years-----	50,925	41,164	5,008	755	3,900
55 years and over-----	28,453	21,296	2,078	1,033	4,046	25 years-----	42,772	34,742	4,278	825	2,977
Groom-----	963,995	770,936	63,540	20,058	108,721	26 years-----	30,636	24,977	2,543	500	2,506
Under 18 years-----	12,558	10,442	81	335	1,600	27 years-----	21,196	16,930	1,878	401	1,937
18 years-----	45,607	37,923	1,566	538	5,580	28 years-----	19,017	15,602	1,328	537	1,532
19 years-----	68,820	59,020	2,844	840	6,076	29 years-----	15,419	11,930	1,910	500	1,173
20 years-----	80,777	68,570	4,009	1,485	6,653	30-34 years-----	41,428	31,709	3,504	822	5,373
21 years-----	113,925	88,864	8,745	2,199	14,057	35-44 years-----	28,205	21,684	1,596	362	4,563
22 years-----	95,518	77,984	7,237	1,991	8,266	45-54 years-----	8,540	6,138	615	134	1,623
23 years-----	74,855	60,416	6,268	1,331	6,800	55 years and over-----	5,208	3,498	337	90	1,233
24 years-----	57,749	46,541	5,172	1,077	4,939	REMARRIAGES					
25 years-----	48,903	39,483	4,513	1,056	3,851	Bride-----	219,223	167,557	10,896	5,538	35,152
26 years-----	37,613	30,809	2,955	619	3,190	Under 20 years-----	6,805	5,328	357	121	970
27 years-----	27,666	21,962	2,363	465	2,776	20-24 years-----	34,218	26,333	1,985	860	5,044
28 years-----	26,118	21,096	1,534	893	2,575	25-29 years-----	34,711	26,138	1,702	992	5,830
29 years-----	21,703	16,890	2,296	605	1,912	30-34 years-----	30,871	23,206	1,542	478	5,845
30-34 years-----	75,370	57,196	5,215	1,945	10,954	35-44 years-----	53,141	39,954	2,598	1,515	9,654
35-44 years-----	81,450	61,482	3,531	2,143	14,134	45-54 years-----	32,973	26,493	1,189	669	4,623
45-54 years-----	45,415	34,787	2,121	983	7,524	55-64 years-----	18,017	15,584	1,126	517	2,700
55 years and over-----	48,446	36,392	2,949	1,441	7,664	65 years and over-----	7,636	5,992	759	275	610
FIRST MARRIAGES						Groom-----	217,117	165,535	10,115	6,587	34,700
Bride-----	735,760	595,279	52,243	14,400	73,238	Under 20 years-----	1,085	724	120	21	229
Under 16 years-----	10,369	8,041	452	162	1,614	20-24 years-----	17,431	13,567	650	500	2,604
16 years-----	38,299	32,034	1,359	690	4,206	25-29 years-----	32,169	25,416	1,641	850	4,262
17 years-----	59,163	51,568	2,578	571	4,446	30-34 years-----	33,521	25,166	1,831	1,123	5,591
18 years-----	136,837	110,322	7,214	2,657	16,564	35-44 years-----	52,905	39,498	1,915	1,761	9,571
19 years-----	110,468	91,747	6,216	1,879	10,586	45-54 years-----	36,515	28,289	1,508	843	5,871
20 years-----	92,739	77,213	6,759	2,008	6,719	55-64 years-----	24,459	18,589	1,106	700	4,055
21 years-----	79,076	62,167	7,152	1,509	8,228	65 years and over-----	18,369	13,925	1,506	642	2,236
22 years-----	54,147	42,843	6,162	1,117	3,905						
23 years-----	36,007	29,076	3,392	580	2,899						
24 years-----	23,170	18,427	2,219	603	1,901						

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Table 2-7. Marriages by Resident Status of Bride and Groom in Place Where Married: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(Based on sample data. Totals by resident status include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

RESIDENT STATUS OF BRIDE IN PLACE WHERE MARRIED	All marriages	RESIDENT STATUS OF GROOM IN PLACE WHERE MARRIED			
		Resident of county where married	Resident of other county in same State	Resident of other State in same region	Not resident of any State in region
ALL MARRIAGES-----	963,995	616,475	174,589	109,634	62,767
Resident of county where married-----	711,025	567,547	87,487	29,799	25,952
Resident of other county in same State-----	123,591	33,971	81,831	4,460	3,323
Resident of other State in same region-----	90,446	9,328	3,509	75,344	4,265
Not resident of any State in region-----	38,333	5,489	1,712	1,891	23,221

Table 2-8. Marriages by Resident Status of Bride and Groom in State Where Married: Each Marriage-Registration State, 1961

(Based on sample data. Totals by resident status include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

RESIDENT STATUS OF BRIDE IN STATE WHERE MARRIED	All marriages	RESIDENT STATUS OF GROOM IN STATE WHERE MARRIED		RESIDENT STATUS OF BRIDE IN STATE WHERE MARRIED	All marriages	RESIDENT STATUS OF GROOM IN STATE WHERE MARRIED	
		Resident of State where married	Not resident of State where married			Resident of State where married	Not resident of State where married
Alabama-----	32,720	26,760	5,960	Michigan-----	63,300	57,100	6,200
Resident of State where married-----	27,820	25,890	1,940	Resident of State where married-----	58,400	56,200	2,200
Not resident of State where married-----	4,900	890	4,020	Not resident of State where married-----	4,900	900	4,000
Alaska-----	2,091	2,014	77	Mississippi-----	21,600	16,800	4,800
Resident of State where married-----	1,953	1,903	50	Resident of State where married-----	17,700	16,140	1,560
Not resident of State where married-----	138	111	27	Not resident of State where married-----	3,900	660	3,240
California-----	109,600	101,900	7,700	Montana-----	5,620	4,720	910
Resident of State where married-----	105,000	100,100	4,900	Resident of State where married-----	4,970	4,550	420
Not resident of State where married-----	4,600	1,800	2,800	Not resident of State where married-----	660	170	490
Connecticut-----	17,780	14,140	3,640	Nebraska-----	10,980	8,940	2,040
Resident of State where married-----	15,260	13,720	1,540	Resident of State where married-----	9,620	8,680	940
Not resident of State where married-----	2,520	420	2,100	Not resident of State where married-----	1,360	260	1,100
Delaware-----	2,560	2,015	545	New Hampshire-----	7,350	3,790	3,560
Resident of State where married-----	2,210	1,909	301	Resident of State where married-----	4,240	3,560	680
Not resident of State where married-----	350	106	244	Not resident of State where married-----	3,110	230	2,880
District of Columbia-----	9,080	3,960	5,120	New Jersey-----	40,700	34,480	6,200
Resident of District of Columbia-----	4,380	2,940	1,440	Resident of State where married-----	37,640	33,420	4,200
Not resident of District of Columbia-----	4,700	1,020	3,680	Not resident of State where married-----	3,020	1,020	2,000
Florida-----	40,940	37,380	3,240	New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	56,800	51,500	5,300
Resident of State where married-----	38,820	36,440	2,360	Resident of State where married-----	53,600	50,600	3,000
Not resident of State where married-----	1,800	920	880	Not resident of State where married-----	3,200	900	2,300
Georgia-----	52,100	30,900	21,200	Ohio-----	66,000	61,400	4,400
Resident of State where married-----	32,300	29,500	2,800	Resident of State where married-----	64,700	61,300	3,200
Not resident of State where married-----	19,600	1,300	18,300	Not resident of State where married-----	1,300	100	1,200
Hawaii-----	5,290	5,080	210	Oregon-----	10,780	9,400	1,380
Resident of State where married-----	5,090	4,950	140	Resident of State where married-----	9,980	9,100	680
Not resident of State where married-----	200	130	70	Not resident of State where married-----	800	300	500
Idaho-----	11,060	5,140	5,920	Pennsylvania-----	69,600	61,600	8,000
Resident of State where married-----	5,540	4,880	660	Resident of State where married-----	66,500	61,200	5,200
Not resident of State where married-----	5,520	260	5,260	Not resident of State where married-----	3,100	400	2,700
Indiana-----	42,300	35,900	6,400	Rhode Island-----	5,640	4,370	1,270
Resident of State where married-----	37,200	35,000	2,200	Resident of State where married-----	5,160	4,230	930
Not resident of State where married-----	5,100	900	4,200	Not resident of State where married-----	480	140	340
Iowa-----	21,960	16,340	5,620	South Dakota-----	6,250	4,090	2,160
Resident of State where married-----	17,280	15,860	1,420	Resident of State where married-----	4,580	3,940	640
Not resident of State where married-----	4,680	480	4,180	Not resident of State where married-----	1,670	150	1,520
Kansas-----	16,140	12,880	3,260	Tennessee-----	31,660	24,680	6,980
Resident of State where married-----	14,080	12,320	1,760	Resident of State where married-----	26,280	24,220	2,060
Not resident of State where married-----	2,060	560	1,500	Not resident of State where married-----	5,380	460	4,900
Kentucky ¹ -----	22,240	17,480	4,760	Utah-----	7,390	6,000	1,390
Resident of State where married-----	18,860	17,100	1,760	Resident of State where married-----	6,370	5,720	650
Not resident of State where married-----	3,380	380	3,000	Not resident of State where married-----	1,020	280	740
Louisiana-----	24,060	22,580	1,480	Vermont-----	3,168	2,333	835
Resident of State where married-----	23,380	22,160	1,220	Resident of State where married-----	2,586	2,194	392
Not resident of State where married-----	680	420	260	Not resident of State where married-----	582	139	443
Maine-----	7,880	6,590	1,290	Virginia-----	38,220	24,520	13,700
Resident of State where married-----	7,340	6,430	910	Resident of State where married-----	25,660	22,900	2,760
Not resident of State where married-----	540	160	380	Not resident of State where married-----	12,540	1,620	10,920
Maryland-----	39,980	21,040	18,920	Wisconsin-----	24,240	22,440	1,800
Resident of State where married-----	22,640	19,640	3,000	Resident of State where married-----	23,420	22,100	1,320
Not resident of State where married-----	17,340	1,400	15,920	Not resident of State where married-----	820	340	480
Massachusetts-----	33,660	28,520	5,140	Wyoming-----	3,246	2,252	994
Resident of State where married-----	31,580	27,900	3,680	Resident of State where married-----	2,457	2,150	307
Not resident of State where married-----	2,080	620	1,460	Not resident of State where married-----	789	102	687

¹Data are incomplete.

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Table 2-9. Marriages by Age of Bride, by Age of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals by age include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

AGE OF BRIDE	Total	AGE OF GROOM								
		Under 19 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years	26 years
TOTAL-----	963,995	58,165	68,820	80,777	113,925	95,518	74,855	57,749	48,903	37,613
Under 18 years-----	110,995	29,402	20,231	17,804	17,273	9,407	5,867	3,835	2,056	1,598
18 years-----	140,551	18,535	22,746	22,963	27,990	18,212	10,389	6,764	4,362	2,402
19 years-----	114,803	6,731	15,527	17,230	23,543	17,234	11,834	6,282	5,142	3,236
20 years-----	98,517	2,148	6,543	13,878	17,986	17,262	12,385	7,603	5,884	4,260
21 years-----	87,624	599	2,278	4,837	14,747	15,275	11,022	9,477	9,009	5,498
22 years-----	61,023	365	612	2,199	5,813	10,043	8,911	8,347	6,017	4,283
23 years-----	45,919	70	349	943	3,042	3,321	5,928	6,540	4,026	4,270
24 years-----	30,757	80	180	414	1,238	1,482	3,430	3,108	4,406	2,676
25-29 years-----	86,422	164	303	619	1,761	2,622	4,097	4,673	6,487	7,640
30-34 years-----	49,099	20	50	72	172	437	608	965	965	1,123
35-39 years-----	41,308	20	-	-	80	173	152	131	496	486
40-44 years-----	29,353	-	-	-	20	10	140	41	32	142
45-49 years-----	22,379	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	20	-
50-54 years-----	16,920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55 years and over-----	28,453	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-

AGE OF BRIDE	AGE OF GROOM--Con.									
	27 years	28 years	29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years	60 years and over
TOTAL-----	27,666	26,118	21,703	75,370	45,835	35,615	25,507	19,908	15,292	33,154
Under 18 years-----	670	862	495	1,206	216	182	21	31	20	-
18 years-----	1,287	1,403	1,007	1,463	659	308	60	-	-	-
19 years-----	2,176	1,767	1,010	2,084	508	316	23	20	20	100
20 years-----	2,412	1,725	1,204	3,260	1,254	412	182	100	-	-
21 years-----	3,436	2,339	2,219	4,350	1,741	543	82	2	100	20
22 years-----	3,796	2,468	2,285	3,560	1,435	287	542	20	20	-
23 years-----	3,226	2,173	2,397	5,664	1,260	527	82	40	20	41
24 years-----	2,098	2,121	1,468	5,397	1,631	619	71	60	220	-
25-29 years-----	6,554	7,424	6,619	21,598	9,282	4,311	1,596	396	154	122
30-34 years-----	1,521	2,604	1,958	16,172	11,227	6,261	2,730	1,585	301	365
35-39 years-----	366	921	676	7,347	10,257	10,159	5,799	2,562	767	917
40-44 years-----	63	192	194	2,585	4,486	7,314	6,447	3,698	2,448	1,540
45-49 years-----	61	100	160	584	1,362	2,381	4,495	5,642	3,489	3,453
50-54 years-----	-	-	11	42	254	1,027	2,659	4,143	3,449	5,334
55 years and over-----	-	20	-	15	160	367	717	1,609	4,263	21,242

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Table 2-10. Marriages by Age of White Bride and Groom and by Age of Nonwhite Bride and Groom: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals by age include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for age and for color, see Technical Appendix)

AGE AND COLOR OF BRIDE	AGE OF GROOM										
	Total	Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years	60 years and over
WHITE GROOM											
TOTAL, WHITE BRIDE-----	759,268	102,545	341,196	126,357	56,338	33,618	27,079	19,180	16,116	12,220	23,641
Under 20 years-----	296,950	91,221	176,566	23,277	3,742	1,097	740	84	41	40	100
20-24 years-----	256,682	10,827	151,809	68,224	16,814	5,870	2,057	877	202	140	40
25-29 years-----	63,956	407	10,338	25,861	16,233	6,299	3,302	1,015	355	84	62
30-34 years-----	36,609	70	1,685	5,968	11,828	8,613	4,705	2,067	1,172	170	351
35-39 years-----	29,853	20	344	2,251	5,208	7,345	7,569	4,095	2,119	546	356
40-44 years-----	21,726	-	191	523	2,042	3,211	5,216	4,990	2,596	1,977	979
45-49 years-----	17,479	-	22	241	401	807	2,458	3,398	4,836	3,128	2,188
50 years and over-----	34,681	-	40	12	47	374	1,031	2,655	4,795	6,144	19,585
NONWHITE GROOM											
TOTAL, NONWHITE BRIDE-----	98,563	11,995	37,937	16,905	9,005	6,295	4,885	2,769	1,638	1,631	4,900
Under 20 years-----	33,141	10,459	18,667	2,991	757	174	63	20	10	-	-
20-24 years-----	30,387	1,496	16,955	7,611	2,667	1,076	320	61	20	120	21
25-29 years-----	11,175	40	1,942	4,639	2,028	1,428	677	281	40	40	60
30-34 years-----	6,821	-	272	1,080	2,337	1,410	955	343	292	90	42
35-39 years-----	5,671	-	60	363	1,003	1,169	1,549	643	302	121	487
40-44 years-----	3,562	-	20	100	122	674	877	705	372	331	361
45-49 years-----	2,291	-	-	100	81	323	223	393	486	261	424
50 years and over-----	5,129	-	-	20	10	40	221	323	316	648	3,531

Table 2-11. First Marriages of Both Bride and Groom, by Age of Bride, by Age of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals by age include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for age and for marriage order, see Technical Appendix)

AGE OF BRIDE	Total	AGE OF GROOM													
		Under 19 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years	26 years	27 years	28 years	29 years	30-39 years	40 years and over
TOTAL-----	665,080	55,624	65,837	77,274	105,368	87,482	64,452	46,731	38,209	26,920	17,483	15,694	13,059	37,770	10,572
Under 18 years-----	103,608	27,910	19,638	17,040	16,565	8,722	5,367	3,158	1,719	1,371	405	456	374	812	51
18 years-----	130,612	18,184	21,900	22,179	26,818	17,201	9,448	5,186	3,750	1,855	861	1,099	745	1,202	293
19 years-----	104,052	6,478	14,950	16,514	21,773	16,193	10,769	5,542	4,191	2,611	1,391	1,224	818	1,386	192
20 years-----	87,058	1,908	6,180	13,490	17,061	16,308	11,245	6,632	4,772	3,402	1,650	1,147	859	2,111	272
21 years-----	72,288	528	2,125	4,481	13,110	14,154	9,766	7,957	7,131	3,946	2,616	1,998	1,415	2,850	191
22 years-----	48,955	364	445	1,945	5,112	9,230	7,984	7,199	4,978	3,168	2,868	1,720	1,475	2,127	340
23 years-----	32,079	50	306	810	2,674	2,675	4,783	5,617	3,228	3,123	2,258	1,303	1,356	3,825	71
24 years-----	19,906	60	70	363	870	984	2,499	2,305	3,253	1,873	1,378	1,454	1,070	3,437	200
25-29 years-----	41,084	141	222	391	1,043	1,874	2,267	2,821	4,501	5,087	3,235	3,882	4,093	10,591	93
30-39 years-----	18,824	-	-	41	82	101	224	292	685	484	780	1,510	813	10,288	3,724
40 years and over-----	5,467	-	-	-	-	-	100	21	1	-	41	111	41	931	4,221

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Table 2-12. Marriages by Marriage Order, Age, and Color of Bride and of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Total	White	Nonwhite	MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Total	White	Nonwhite
ALL MARRIAGES				FIRST MARRIAGES—Con.			
Bride-----	963,995	762,622	100,826	Bride--Con.			
Under 16 years-----	10,779	8,213	2,265	20 years-----	92,759	75,903	8,254
16 years-----	39,221	30,182	5,238	21 years-----	79,076	64,218	6,858
17 years-----	60,995	48,724	6,766	22 years-----	54,147	43,756	5,688
18 years-----	140,551	118,578	10,068	23 years-----	36,007	26,864	4,442
19 years-----	114,803	92,630	9,210	24 years-----	23,170	16,498	3,711
20 years-----	98,517	80,690	8,525	25 years-----	15,862	11,828	2,104
21 years-----	87,624	71,120	7,404	26 years-----	12,578	9,075	2,123
22 years-----	61,023	49,747	6,153	27 years-----	9,608	6,998	1,690
23 years-----	43,919	33,350	4,748	28 years-----	7,288	5,471	1,017
24 years-----	30,757	22,659	4,417	29 years-----	5,675	3,666	1,249
25 years-----	23,648	17,686	2,972	30-34 years-----	17,988	13,513	3,324
26 years-----	20,031	14,859	2,712	35-39 years-----	10,412	6,181	2,391
27 years-----	16,564	12,596	2,528	40-44 years-----	6,489	4,263	1,166
28 years-----	13,396	10,067	1,409	45-49 years-----	3,519	2,935	484
29 years-----	12,783	9,149	1,674	50 years and over-----	5,057	3,869	968
30 years-----	10,755	7,888	1,546	Groom-----	738,581	588,651	78,127
31 years-----	11,135	8,428	1,687	Under 18 years-----	11,418	8,973	1,345
32 years-----	9,470	7,047	1,583	18 years-----	45,075	36,880	3,468
33 years-----	8,919	6,640	1,209	19 years-----	67,487	54,205	7,361
34 years-----	8,820	6,862	1,218	20 years-----	78,986	65,156	6,589
35-39 years-----	41,309	30,245	5,904	21 years-----	110,057	88,813	11,481
40-44 years-----	29,353	21,866	3,706	22 years-----	91,499	75,276	7,172
45-49 years-----	22,379	17,503	2,305	23 years-----	69,954	56,420	6,451
50-54 years-----	16,920	13,057	2,143	24 years-----	50,925	40,373	5,562
55-59 years-----	10,684	7,905	1,219	25 years-----	42,722	34,438	4,064
60-64 years-----	9,569	7,475	1,074	26 years-----	30,636	23,874	3,592
65-69 years-----	5,164	4,091	453	27 years-----	21,196	16,865	2,490
70 years and over-----	3,036	2,233	303	28 years-----	19,017	14,940	2,517
Groom-----	963,995	763,759	101,689	29 years-----	15,419	10,646	2,493
Under 18 years-----	12,558	10,093	1,365	30-34 years-----	41,428	30,808	5,899
18 years-----	45,607	37,392	3,463	35-39 years-----	18,459	13,684	3,205
19 years-----	68,820	55,338	7,461	40-44 years-----	9,746	7,297	1,649
20 years-----	80,777	66,667	6,789	45-49 years-----	5,759	3,975	1,064
21 years-----	113,925	92,100	11,842	50 years and over-----	7,989	5,460	1,709
22 years-----	95,518	78,204	7,403	REMARRIAGES			
23 years-----	74,855	60,408	6,944	Bride-----	219,223	172,008	20,243
24 years-----	57,749	45,753	6,106	Under 25 years-----	41,023	34,474	2,029
25 years-----	48,903	39,506	4,577	25-29 years-----	34,711	27,059	2,892
26 years-----	37,613	29,564	4,058	30-34 years-----	30,871	23,232	3,619
27 years-----	27,666	21,967	2,818	35-39 years-----	30,517	23,884	3,353
28 years-----	26,118	20,347	3,171	40-44 years-----	22,624	17,423	2,480
29 years-----	21,705	16,057	2,926	45-49 years-----	18,560	14,408	1,681
30 years-----	19,642	15,276	2,126	50-54 years-----	14,413	11,014	1,679
31 years-----	15,982	11,921	2,080	55-59 years-----	9,586	7,029	917
32 years-----	15,376	11,682	1,594	60-64 years-----	8,631	6,838	773
33 years-----	12,832	9,619	1,652	65 years and over-----	7,656	5,861	655
34 years-----	11,538	8,235	1,785	Groom-----	217,117	169,184	21,520
35-39 years-----	45,835	34,005	6,700	Under 25 years-----	18,516	15,187	1,009
40-44 years-----	35,615	27,158	4,917	25-29 years-----	32,169	25,886	2,353
45-49 years-----	25,507	19,416	2,839	30-34 years-----	33,521	25,705	3,335
50-54 years-----	19,908	16,220	1,868	35-39 years-----	27,136	20,281	3,315
55-59 years-----	15,292	12,251	1,661	40-44 years-----	25,769	19,801	3,228
60-64 years-----	12,814	9,192	1,902	45-49 years-----	19,568	15,321	1,715
65-69 years-----	11,234	7,523	2,071	50-54 years-----	16,947	14,185	1,242
70 years and over-----	9,106	6,996	990	55-59 years-----	13,516	10,960	1,396
FIRST MARRIAGES				60-64 years-----	10,943	8,257	1,266
Bride-----	735,760	584,516	78,419	65 years and over-----	18,369	13,110	2,499
Under 16 years-----	10,369	7,953	2,115				
16 years-----	38,299	29,480	5,118				
17 years-----	59,163	47,053	6,625				
18 years-----	136,837	115,606	9,866				
19 years-----	110,468	88,941	9,004				

Table 2-13. Marriages by Marriage Order and Age of Bride and of Groom for the Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, and by Color for the Marriage-Registration Area: 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

Table with columns: MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM, MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA (Total, White, Nonwhite), Alabama, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho. Rows include ALL MARRIAGES, FIRST MARRIAGES, and REMARRIAGES, categorized by bride and groom ages (e.g., Under 20 years, 20-24 years, etc.).

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Table 2-13. Marriages by Marriage Order and Age of Bride and of Groom for the Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State; and by Color for the Marriage-Registration Area: 1961 —Con.

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maine	Maryland	Massachusetts	Michigan	Mississippi	Montana	Nebraska	New Hampshire
ALL MARRIAGES													
Bride-----	42,300	21,960	16,140	22,240	24,060	7,880	39,980	33,660	63,300	21,600	5,630	10,980	7,350
Under 20 years-----	16,600	9,140	7,580	10,400	10,540	3,640	16,800	10,120	26,600	9,720	2,250	4,320	2,590
20-24 years-----	13,600	7,960	4,880	6,440	7,220	2,400	10,120	14,540	20,000	5,780	1,930	3,920	2,420
25-29 years-----	4,000	1,420	820	1,500	1,740	680	3,520	3,780	4,400	1,680	350	800	650
30-34 years-----	1,700	720	560	920	920	350	2,240	1,860	2,400	1,060	210	560	470
35-39 years-----	1,700	560	520	780	960	240	2,120	960	3,400	820	260	360	320
40-44 years-----	900	680	560	620	900	160	1,480	740	2,400	840	170	300	280
45-54 years-----	2,000	720	600	900	920	220	2,300	920	2,400	860	290	360	400
55-64 years-----	500	660	200	440	560	160	1,100	480	1,400	700	70	120	170
65 years and over-----	400	100	220	220	280	30	260	260	300	140	30	160	60
Groom-----	42,300	21,960	16,140	22,240	24,060	7,880	39,980	33,660	63,300	21,600	5,630	10,980	7,350
Under 20 years-----	6,100	3,460	2,880	4,160	4,120	1,480	5,260	3,100	11,400	3,420	640	1,720	580
20-24 years-----	18,800	10,320	7,520	9,160	9,960	3,500	16,460	16,300	26,900	9,320	2,530	4,980	3,150
25-29 years-----	6,400	3,700	2,180	3,220	4,200	1,240	5,900	7,020	8,500	2,820	870	1,760	1,470
30-34 years-----	5,300	1,240	940	1,480	1,480	600	3,000	2,600	4,500	1,660	520	880	640
35-39 years-----	1,600	660	560	1,160	1,020	330	2,400	1,480	2,900	860	210	360	370
40-44 years-----	1,000	580	540	720	780	240	2,180	740	2,800	820	270	260	320
45-54 years-----	2,400	920	620	1,080	1,060	280	2,300	1,160	3,300	980	300	440	410
55-64 years-----	1,300	720	420	520	660	120	1,620	700	2,100	880	120	320	230
65 years and over-----	600	360	340	540	780	90	820	560	900	800	100	180	180
FIRST MARRIAGES													
Bride-----	29,300	17,880	12,740	16,780	16,360	6,280	30,820	29,200	46,900	15,920	4,010	8,740	5,300
Under 20 years-----	15,800	9,060	7,420	10,040	9,060	3,560	16,540	10,080	24,700	9,460	2,190	4,300	2,530
20-24 years-----	10,900	7,440	4,320	5,480	5,380	2,150	8,900	14,000	17,200	4,860	1,570	3,500	2,020
25-29 years-----	1,200	760	500	700	980	340	2,240	2,940	2,800	820	120	520	300
30-34 years-----	100	240	260	360	360	100	1,140	960	1,000	360	30	140	160
35-39 years-----	300	140	40	120	280	50	720	500	500	80	30	40	90
40-44 years-----	100	120	40	-	120	20	380	220	500	180	30	80	50
45 years and over-----	300	120	100	160	160	60	880	500	200	160	40	160	150
Groom-----	30,700	17,500	12,620	16,780	16,000	6,310	30,720	29,420	46,300	15,660	4,090	9,020	5,290
Under 20 years-----	5,800	3,460	2,840	4,080	3,660	1,470	5,240	3,100	10,300	3,380	630	1,700	570
20-24 years-----	17,600	9,900	7,140	8,720	7,760	3,550	15,800	16,200	24,600	8,900	2,350	4,820	3,020
25-29 years-----	4,100	2,960	1,720	2,500	3,020	1,010	4,440	6,420	6,900	1,900	620	1,440	1,270
30-34 years-----	1,400	680	520	780	740	290	1,920	1,880	2,300	800	260	520	270
35-39 years-----	600	200	180	300	400	120	1,080	1,020	1,100	300	70	240	130
40-44 years-----	100	80	140	140	200	30	860	340	800	240	50	60	50
45 years and over-----	500	220	60	260	220	40	1,340	460	300	120	90	240	130
REARRIAGES													
Bride-----	12,400	4,080	3,240	5,280	4,340	1,600	9,140	4,460	14,000	5,640	1,620	2,240	2,050
Under 25 years-----	3,200	600	600	1,200	800	330	1,460	580	2,860	1,140	420	440	460
25-29 years-----	2,600	660	320	780	460	340	1,280	840	1,500	860	230	280	330
30-34 years-----	1,600	480	300	660	380	250	1,100	900	1,400	700	180	420	310
35-39 years-----	1,400	420	460	660	560	190	1,400	460	2,700	740	230	320	240
40-44 years-----	800	560	500	620	680	140	1,100	520	1,900	660	140	220	230
45-54 years-----	1,600	660	520	740	780	180	1,780	620	2,100	780	260	240	330
55-64 years-----	500	600	200	420	440	140	780	380	1,300	660	60	120	100
65 years and over-----	400	100	200	200	240	30	220	160	300	100	30	120	50
Groom-----	11,300	4,460	3,400	5,340	4,660	1,570	9,240	4,240	14,600	5,860	1,540	1,960	2,060
Under 25 years-----	1,200	420	340	440	460	160	680	100	1,500	420	190	180	140
25-29 years-----	2,300	740	460	700	720	230	1,460	600	1,500	920	250	320	350
30-34 years-----	1,900	560	400	900	460	310	1,060	720	2,200	860	260	360	370
35-39 years-----	1,000	460	360	660	540	210	1,320	460	1,700	560	140	120	240
40-44 years-----	900	500	400	580	500	210	1,320	400	2,000	560	220	200	270
45-54 years-----	2,200	800	580	880	800	250	1,560	780	3,000	920	260	340	310
55-64 years-----	1,000	680	400	460	580	110	1,120	640	2,000	860	90	220	210
65 years and over-----	600	300	340	520	600	90	720	540	700	760	80	140	170

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Table 2-13. Marriages by Marriage Order and Age of Bride and of Groom for the Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State; and by Color for the Marriage-Registration Area: 1961—Con.

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	New Jersey	New York	Ohio	Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Dakota	Tennessee	Utah	Vermont	Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming
ALL MARRIAGES													
Bride-----	40,700	56,800	66,000	10,780	69,600	5,640	6,250	31,660	7,390	3,168	39,220	24,240	3,246
Under 20 years-----	11,440	22,000	22,200	5,160	19,500	1,910	2,760	13,680	3,560	1,379	14,340	9,740	1,237
20-24 years-----	16,460	22,000	24,300	3,140	29,800	2,200	2,180	9,920	2,700	1,089	12,860	11,240	530
25-29 years-----	4,380	4,400	6,100	820	7,100	500	440	2,520	330	216	3,880	1,580	284
30-34 years-----	2,480	1,800	2,400	360	3,400	270	250	1,500	180	108	2,260	1,620	204
35-39 years-----	1,740	1,700	3,700	320	2,800	250	120	1,300	200	89	1,620	500	164
40-44 years-----	1,440	1,400	2,400	220	1,900	130	140	880	100	61	1,140	360	132
45-54 years-----	1,700	1,900	2,300	440	3,200	180	250	860	150	120	1,200	700	133
55-64 years-----	780	1,100	1,600	140	1,500	130	70	840	120	70	700	300	76
65 years and over-----	280	500	1,000	120	300	80	40	160	50	34	120	160	26
Groom-----	40,700	56,800	66,000	10,780	69,600	5,640	6,250	31,660	7,390	3,168	39,220	24,240	3,246
Under 20 years-----	3,180	6,400	7,400	1,620	7,200	520	820	5,340	1,510	499	4,840	2,540	429
20-24 years-----	17,920	28,700	29,400	5,280	30,900	2,670	3,030	13,980	3,590	1,487	17,440	13,100	1,277
25-29 years-----	8,240	10,100	11,300	1,440	13,300	1,140	1,090	4,960	1,170	521	6,360	4,760	523
30-34 years-----	4,320	3,000	5,400	880	6,000	450	510	2,100	320	192	2,860	1,220	274
35-39 years-----	2,080	1,600	3,600	380	2,900	190	200	1,440	160	102	2,260	750	191
40-44 years-----	1,360	2,000	2,200	280	2,300	150	120	980	190	84	1,280	500	193
45-54 years-----	1,720	2,700	2,700	360	3,100	280	330	1,300	230	126	1,580	520	266
55-64 years-----	1,140	1,000	1,700	220	2,900	80	80	920	110	89	1,080	440	111
65 years and over-----	740	1,300	2,100	220	1,000	150	70	640	110	64	560	380	61
FIRST MARRIAGES													
Bride-----	33,220	48,600	48,600	8,460	57,800	4,760	5,020	24,040	6,200	2,666	30,700	21,720	2,023
Under 20 years-----	11,260	21,800	21,300	5,120	19,500	1,910	2,710	13,340	3,490	1,367	14,140	8,720	1,181
20-24 years-----	15,880	20,900	21,100	2,740	28,200	2,080	1,920	8,520	2,440	1,026	11,960	10,920	660
25-29 years-----	3,260	3,600	3,300	320	5,300	350	180	1,080	170	152	2,480	1,220	110
30-34 years-----	1,240	1,100	400	80	2,000	150	90	400	50	52	920	500	30
35-39 years-----	660	400	1,400	80	1,000	80	50	360	30	29	480	180	13
40-44 years-----	460	600	800	20	500	80	30	140	10	13	300	100	9
45 years and over-----	460	400	300	80	1,200	110	40	200	10	24	420	80	20
Groom-----	33,140	48,600	48,700	8,200	56,900	4,770	5,280	24,300	6,210	2,677	30,680	22,380	2,123
Under 20 years-----	3,180	6,400	7,300	1,620	7,100	520	820	5,260	1,500	499	4,840	2,520	416
20-24 years-----	17,540	28,300	27,400	4,920	29,900	2,590	2,880	13,400	3,400	1,460	16,840	13,080	1,149
25-29 years-----	7,260	9,300	8,700	1,040	11,000	1,070	930	3,700	970	463	5,220	4,620	241
30-34 years-----	2,980	1,400	2,700	380	4,800	300	350	1,040	170	133	1,740	1,080	107
35-39 years-----	1,100	1,200	1,400	100	1,700	110	110	380	50	42	1,120	600	47
40-44 years-----	400	900	400	20	900	80	50	260	50	27	520	180	21
45 years and over-----	680	1,300	800	80	1,500	110	140	260	70	50	400	300	42
REMARriages													
Bride-----	7,200	8,000	16,800	2,320	11,800	870	1,230	7,420	1,180	501	7,500	2,460	1,218
Under 25 years-----	620	1,300	3,500	440	1,600	120	310	1,600	330	73	1,080	280	321
25-29 years-----	1,100	800	2,800	500	1,800	150	260	1,400	160	64	1,400	360	174
30-34 years-----	1,200	700	2,000	280	1,400	120	160	1,100	130	56	1,340	160	174
35-39 years-----	1,040	1,300	2,300	240	1,800	150	70	940	170	60	1,140	320	151
40-44 years-----	980	800	1,600	200	1,400	50	110	720	90	48	840	260	123
45-54 years-----	1,340	1,700	2,200	380	2,300	100	210	700	150	104	960	640	177
55-64 years-----	660	1,000	1,400	120	1,200	110	70	800	100	63	620	280	73
65 years and over-----	260	400	1,000	120	300	70	40	160	50	33	120	160	25
Groom-----	7,300	8,000	17,100	2,580	12,300	850	970	7,220	1,170	491	7,500	1,840	1,120
Under 25 years-----	260	400	1,900	360	800	70	150	560	200	27	580	20	130
25-29 years-----	940	800	2,600	400	2,200	70	160	1,260	200	58	1,120	140	181
30-34 years-----	1,300	1,600	2,700	500	1,200	150	160	1,040	150	59	1,120	140	167
35-39 years-----	960	400	2,400	280	1,200	90	90	1,040	110	60	1,140	180	144
40-44 years-----	960	1,100	1,800	260	1,400	70	70	720	140	57	740	320	162
45-54 years-----	1,260	1,900	2,200	340	2,200	190	210	1,120	180	91	1,200	300	186
55-64 years-----	900	700	1,500	180	2,400	70	70	860	100	77	940	400	97
65 years and over-----	720	1,100	2,100	200	900	140	60	620	90	61	560	340	53

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Table 2-14. Marriages by Age and Previous Marital Status of Bride, by Age of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE	Total	AGE OF GROOM								
		Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and over
SINGLE -----	735,760	122,326	394,220	129,676	42,329	18,018	10,009	10,260	5,772	2,492
Under 20 years-----	355,136	109,805	210,150	28,237	4,489	1,353	805	115	40	100
20-24 years-----	285,139	12,156	174,001	73,385	17,554	5,185	1,776	749	280	1
25-29 years-----	51,031	363	8,777	23,330	11,388	4,102	1,926	961	144	40
30-34 years-----	17,988	-	778	3,693	6,433	3,499	1,840	1,343	381	21
35-39 years-----	10,412	-	62	837	2,046	2,366	2,221	2,246	413	221
40-44 years-----	6,489	-	131	54	374	1,120	1,014	2,489	1,156	151
45-54 years-----	5,866	-	-	140	43	293	406	2,087	2,260	637
55 years and over-----	2,710	-	-	-	1	-	20	270	1,098	1,321
WIDOWED -----	47,144	50	1,328	2,583	3,011	3,164	5,478	9,396	11,221	10,698
Under 35 years-----	7,017	50	1,228	1,887	1,659	982	856	305	50	20
35-44 years-----	9,763	-	60	535	1,214	1,581	2,816	2,607	768	181
45-54 years-----	13,792	-	-	141	135	440	1,550	5,520	4,675	1,331
55-64 years-----	11,101	-	40	20	3	160	276	923	4,932	4,747
65 years and over-----	5,256	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	796	4,419
DIVORCED -----	137,900	2,157	19,209	24,398	24,377	19,511	15,867	20,445	7,389	3,948
Under 25 years-----	51,706	1,973	13,445	9,802	3,786	1,635	553	472	40	-
25-29 years-----	27,988	104	4,281	9,000	7,825	4,003	1,943	770	42	20
30-34 years-----	24,207	60	957	3,512	7,218	5,993	3,616	2,607	182	62
35-39 years-----	20,724	20	434	1,574	3,702	5,162	4,683	4,261	706	182
40-44 years-----	13,562	-	60	437	1,406	2,154	3,469	4,822	1,043	171
45-54 years-----	14,274	-	32	72	407	562	1,552	6,740	3,845	1,064
55 years and over-----	4,813	-	-	-	11	-	51	772	1,510	2,448

Table 2-15. Marriages by Age and Previous Marital Status of Groom, by Age of Bride: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM	Total	AGE OF BRIDE								
		Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and over
SINGLE -----	738,561	344,419	280,655	57,141	21,971	15,230	8,223	6,631	2,575	531
Under 20 years-----	123,980	110,407	13,024	467	50	20	-	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	401,421	206,332	179,913	12,322	1,865	456	181	10	20	-
25-29 years-----	128,990	23,533	69,837	26,939	5,892	1,935	501	333	20	-
30-34 years-----	41,428	2,951	13,465	12,097	7,236	3,772	1,564	297	2	1
35-39 years-----	18,459	629	3,070	3,993	4,235	4,294	1,439	688	20	-
40-44 years-----	9,746	496	903	997	1,315	2,593	2,233	1,036	172	-
45-54 years-----	8,540	30	381	294	1,127	1,817	1,956	2,513	421	21
55 years and over-----	5,208	-	20	32	251	353	369	1,754	1,920	509
WIDOWED -----	41,277	647	1,605	1,631	2,430	3,293	4,036	12,277	9,891	5,105
Under 35 years-----	2,908	363	1,013	420	635	433	23	-	20	-
35-44 years-----	5,068	223	481	804	1,136	1,219	780	414	11	-
45-54 years-----	8,925	21	91	246	576	1,028	1,828	4,388	707	40
55-64 years-----	11,841	40	20	121	21	312	1,133	5,774	3,774	625
65 years and over-----	12,185	-	-	40	62	301	272	1,701	5,378	4,440
DIVORCED -----	141,230	14,429	30,155	23,448	21,197	17,475	12,793	15,559	4,707	1,163
Under 25 years-----	14,109	6,638	6,058	1,029	252	80	30	22	-	-
25-29 years-----	26,735	5,364	12,047	6,503	1,899	780	122	20	-	-
30-34 years-----	26,812	1,521	6,757	7,862	6,841	2,712	798	309	12	-
35-39 years-----	21,061	573	3,206	4,324	5,555	4,421	2,155	685	140	-
40-44 years-----	18,366	228	1,199	2,615	4,007	4,479	3,473	2,181	164	20
45-54 years-----	21,945	104	707	1,032	2,411	4,426	4,740	7,707	677	140
55 years and over-----	11,879	-	181	83	232	577	1,474	4,635	3,694	1,003

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Table 2-16. Marriages by Age of Previously Widowed and Divorced Brides, by Age of Previously Widowed and Divorced Grooms: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AGE OF PREVIOUSLY WIDOWED AND DIVORCED BRIDES	AGE OF PREVIOUSLY WIDOWED GROOM					AGE OF PREVIOUSLY DIVORCED GROOM					
	Total	Under 45 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and over	Total	Under 25 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55 years and over
WIDOWED-----	20,670	1,473	3,367	7,157	8,523	15,058	165	1,816	4,215	4,312	4,526
Under 45 years-----	2,413	1,145	713	474	81	6,835	165	1,772	2,905	1,579	413
45-54 years-----	6,455	297	2,318	3,040	800	5,112	-	42	1,046	2,395	1,670
55-64 years-----	7,321	31	336	3,139	3,815	2,448	-	2	263	318	1,865
65 years and over-----	4,331	-	-	504	3,827	639	-	-	-	20	619
DIVORCED-----	12,119	3,011	3,746	2,831	2,371	74,066	3,731	26,036	25,305	13,963	4,755
Under 25 years-----	224	194	30	-	-	12,029	2,769	7,366	1,512	342	40
25-34 years-----	1,935	1,524	347	42	22	29,698	860	14,831	11,278	2,516	712
35-44 years-----	3,456	1,197	1,488	519	252	22,049	80	3,564	10,926	6,482	937
45-54 years-----	4,068	95	1,640	1,715	618	7,902	22	265	1,546	4,153	1,916
55 years and over-----	2,254	-	241	534	1,479	2,130	-	10	41	469	1,590

Table 2-17. Marriages by Previous Marital Status of White and Nonwhite Brides and Grooms: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS AND COLOR OF BRIDE	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM			
	Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced
ALL GROOMS				
ALL BRIDES-----	963,995	739,581	41,277	141,220
Single-----	735,760	665,080	8,104	60,501
Widowed-----	47,144	11,245	20,670	15,059
Divorced-----	137,900	50,941	12,119	74,066
WHITE GROOM				
White bride-----	759,268	585,499	33,753	119,063
Single-----	582,212	528,505	6,527	41,566
Widowed-----	39,120	8,901	17,499	12,599
Divorced-----	116,782	42,911	9,384	63,814
NONWHITE GROOM				
Nonwhite bride-----	98,563	75,833	5,784	12,963
Single-----	77,136	68,840	1,552	5,823
Widowed-----	5,290	1,482	2,419	1,349
Divorced-----	12,351	4,808	1,772	5,670

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Table 2-18. Marriages by Age, Previous Marital Status, and Color of Bride and of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	TOTAL				WHITE				NONWHITE			
	All marriages	Previous marital status			All marriages	Previous marital status			All marriages	Previous marital status		
		Single	Widowed	Divorced		Single	Widowed	Divorced		Single	Widowed	Divorced
BRIDE-----	963,995	735,760	47,144	137,900	762,622	584,516	39,372	117,480	100,826	78,419	5,520	12,900
Under 25 years-----	688,189	640,275	1,854	31,706	555,893	516,272	1,468	29,703	64,794	61,681	266	1,203
25-29 years-----	86,422	51,031	2,201	27,988	64,357	37,058	2,047	23,671	11,485	8,183	134	2,477
30-34 years-----	49,099	17,988	2,962	24,207	36,865	13,515	2,556	15,374	7,043	3,324	386	2,833
35-39 years-----	41,309	10,412	4,422	20,724	30,245	6,181	3,376	17,737	5,904	2,391	846	2,307
40-44 years-----	29,353	6,489	5,341	13,562	21,866	4,263	4,515	10,987	3,706	1,166	665	1,615
45-49 years-----	22,379	3,519	6,524	9,151	17,503	2,935	5,384	7,460	2,305	484	609	1,051
50-54 years-----	16,920	2,347	7,268	5,123	13,057	2,023	5,934	4,178	2,143	324	914	645
55-59 years-----	10,684	1,258	5,650	2,056	7,905	878	4,786	1,475	1,219	262	614	283
60-64 years-----	9,569	908	5,431	1,759	7,475	507	4,442	1,596	1,074	301	589	163
65 years and over-----	8,200	544	5,256	998	6,324	463	4,641	839	756	81	495	160
GROOM-----	963,995	738,581	41,277	141,230	763,759	588,651	33,843	120,112	101,689	78,127	5,834	13,605
Under 25 years-----	549,809	525,401	547	14,109	445,955	426,076	507	12,940	51,353	49,424	40	749
25-29 years-----	162,003	128,990	842	26,735	127,241	100,763	720	23,404	17,550	14,956	122	2,111
30-34 years-----	75,370	41,428	1,519	26,812	56,733	30,808	1,269	22,366	9,435	5,899	250	2,665
35-39 years-----	45,835	18,459	1,675	21,061	34,005	13,684	1,450	17,251	6,700	3,205	225	2,770
40-44 years-----	35,615	9,746	3,393	18,366	27,158	7,297	2,398	15,613	4,917	1,649	895	1,913
45-49 years-----	25,507	5,759	3,156	13,411	19,416	3,975	2,531	11,389	2,839	1,064	525	990
50-54 years-----	19,908	2,781	5,769	8,534	16,220	1,875	4,784	7,558	1,868	606	565	576
55-59 years-----	15,292	1,686	5,802	5,592	12,251	1,261	4,979	4,759	1,661	205	723	573
60-64 years-----	12,814	1,751	6,039	3,104	9,192	935	4,966	2,311	1,902	516	753	393
65 years and over-----	20,340	1,771	12,195	3,183	14,519	1,389	9,999	2,280	3,061	382	1,636	803

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Table 2-19. Marriages by Previous Marital Status and Color of Bride and of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND COLOR	All marriages	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE			All marriages	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM		
		Single	Widowed	Divorced		Single	Widowed	Divorced
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA----	963,995	735,760	47,144	137,900	963,995	738,581	41,277	141,230
White-----	762,622	584,516	39,372	117,480	763,759	588,651	33,843	120,112
Nonwhite--	100,826	78,419	5,520	12,900	101,689	78,127	5,834	13,695
Alabama-----	32,720	25,280	1,860	5,540	32,720	25,240	1,580	5,880
White-----	24,680	18,780	1,260	4,600	24,680	19,020	960	4,680
Nonwhite--	7,980	6,460	600	920	8,040	6,220	620	1,200
Alaska-----	2,091	1,292	101	693	2,091	1,341	67	689
White-----	1,638	959	72	605	1,765	1,090	53	621
Nonwhite--	451	331	29	88	324	251	14	58
California ¹ -----	109,600	77,900	6,500	24,200	109,600	78,600	5,100	24,900
White-----	74,100	53,400	4,100	16,000	73,600	52,700	3,400	16,800
Nonwhite--	6,000	4,200	400	1,400	6,500	5,200	200	1,000
Connecticut-----	17,780	13,500	1,060	3,200	17,780	13,700	920	3,160
White-----	16,560	12,480	1,020	3,040	16,480	12,660	860	2,960
Nonwhite--	1,220	1,020	40	160	1,280	1,020	60	200
Delaware-----	2,560	2,049	153	352	2,560	2,080	126	354
White-----	2,220	1,779	128	311	2,222	1,804	103	313
Nonwhite--	335	265	25	41	334	272	23	37
District of Columbia-----	9,080	7,500	240	1,280	9,080	7,320	440	1,280
White-----	5,260	4,260	160	820	5,160	4,120	220	800
Nonwhite--	3,820	3,240	80	460	3,920	3,200	220	480
Florida-----	40,940	25,300	3,880	11,460	40,940	25,920	3,440	11,340
White-----	34,240	20,220	3,300	10,500	34,240	20,780	2,900	10,340
Nonwhite--	6,680	5,060	580	960	6,660	5,100	540	1,000
Georgia-----	52,100	36,900	3,000	11,000	52,100	37,700	2,600	10,900
White-----	40,300	27,000	2,300	10,000	40,900	28,800	1,800	9,600
Nonwhite--	10,700	9,000	700	800	11,000	8,700	800	1,300
Hawaii-----	5,290	3,940	200	1,150	5,290	4,230	110	950
White-----	1,610	1,110	80	420	2,020	1,480	20	520
Nonwhite--	3,680	2,830	120	730	3,270	2,750	90	430
Idaho-----	11,060	7,860	860	2,260	11,060	7,880	620	2,500
White-----	10,880	7,780	820	2,220	10,900	7,820	600	2,420
Nonwhite--	100	20	40	40	120	60	20	40
Indiana-----	42,300	29,300	2,200	10,100	42,300	30,700	1,900	9,300
White-----	38,200	26,600	2,100	8,900	38,500	28,400	1,500	8,200
Nonwhite--	3,600	2,200	100	1,200	3,600	2,100	400	1,100
Iowa-----	21,960	17,880	1,260	2,760	21,960	17,500	1,180	3,280
White-----	21,600	17,600	1,240	2,700	21,660	17,260	1,180	3,220
Nonwhite--	260	180	20	60	280	240	-	40
Kansas-----	16,140	12,740	900	2,240	16,140	12,620	900	2,400
White-----	15,060	11,960	880	2,000	15,120	11,880	840	2,220
Nonwhite--	980	720	20	240	940	700	60	180
Kentucky ² -----	22,240	16,780	1,240	4,040	22,240	16,780	1,120	4,200
White-----	20,620	15,600	1,120	3,740	20,600	15,640	1,020	3,840
Nonwhite--	1,600	1,180	120	280	1,600	1,120	100	360
Louisiana-----	24,060	16,360	1,240	2,920	24,060	16,000	900	3,620
White-----	16,600	11,220	880	2,180	16,560	11,100	580	2,620
Nonwhite--	7,460	5,140	360	740	7,500	4,900	320	1,000
Maine-----	7,880	6,280	250	1,310	7,880	6,310	280	1,290
White-----	7,850	6,250	250	1,310	7,870	6,300	280	1,290
Nonwhite--	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland-----	39,980	30,820	2,440	6,640	39,980	30,720	1,940	7,320
White-----	32,860	25,080	2,020	5,680	32,900	25,120	1,400	6,340
Nonwhite--	7,080	5,720	420	940	7,080	5,600	440	1,040
Massachusetts-----	33,660	29,200	1,240	3,220	33,660	29,420	1,420	2,820
White-----	32,840	28,320	1,220	3,100	32,620	28,380	1,420	2,820
Nonwhite--	1,020	880	20	120	1,040	1,040	-	-
Michigan-----	63,300	46,900	---	---	63,300	46,300	---	---
White-----	57,800	43,400	---	---	57,500	42,700	---	---
Nonwhite--	5,500	3,500	---	---	5,700	3,500	---	---
Mississippi-----	21,600	15,920	1,660	3,840	21,600	15,660	1,660	4,100
White-----	14,440	10,660	1,020	2,760	14,600	10,580	860	3,000
Nonwhite--	7,140	5,260	620	1,080	7,140	5,080	800	1,100
Montana-----	5,630	4,010	290	1,280	5,630	4,090	200	1,300
White-----	5,450	3,860	280	1,260	5,470	3,970	190	1,270
Nonwhite--	180	150	10	20	160	120	10	30
Nebraska-----	10,980	8,740	580	1,660	10,980	9,020	460	1,500
White-----	10,600	8,540	580	1,480	10,620	8,800	440	1,380
Nonwhite--	340	180	-	160	340	200	20	120
New Hampshire-----	7,350	5,300	400	1,650	7,350	5,290	380	1,670
White-----	7,280	5,240	400	1,630	7,280	5,220	360	1,670
Nonwhite--	60	60	-	-	70	70	-	-

¹Color or race deleted from marriage certificate, effective September 15, 1961.²Data are incomplete.

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Table 2-19. Marriages by Previous Marital Status and Color of Bride and of Groom: Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961 -Con.

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND COLOR	All marriages	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE			All marriages	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM		
		Single	Widowed	Divorced		Single	Widowed	Divorced
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA—Con.								
New Jersey-----	40,700	33,220	2,440	4,640	40,700	33,140	1,760	5,400
White-----	34,400	28,200	2,080	3,940	34,760	28,420	1,520	4,600
Nonwhite--	4,280	3,560	220	360	4,420	3,560	160	580
New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	56,800	48,800	3,400	4,300	56,800	48,800	2,900	5,000
White-----	53,400	45,900	3,200	4,000	53,500	45,900	2,800	4,700
Nonwhite--	3,400	2,900	200	300	3,300	2,900	100	300
Ohio ³ -----	66,000	46,600	---	---	66,000	48,700	---	---
Oregon-----	10,780	8,460	520	1,780	10,780	8,200	540	2,040
White-----	10,040	7,900	460	1,660	10,160	7,700	540	1,920
Nonwhite--	300	220	20	60	240	180	-	60
Pennsylvania-----	69,600	57,800	3,000	8,500	69,600	56,900	3,400	8,500
White-----	64,500	53,200	2,900	8,100	64,600	52,400	3,200	8,200
Nonwhite--	4,900	4,400	100	400	4,900	4,400	200	300
Rhode Island-----	5,640	4,760	230	630	5,640	4,770	250	580
White-----	5,440	4,620	220	590	5,380	4,580	240	530
Nonwhite--	190	140	10	40	230	180	10	40
South Dakota-----	6,250	5,020	330	890	6,250	5,280	160	810
White-----	6,020	4,870	310	850	6,010	5,080	160	770
Nonwhite--	220	140	20	60	230	190	-	40
Tennessee-----	31,660	24,040	1,820	5,580	31,660	24,300	1,600	5,560
White-----	27,620	20,980	1,540	4,880	27,580	21,260	1,240	4,880
Nonwhite--	3,860	2,960	240	660	3,900	2,940	340	620
Utah-----	7,390	6,200	250	900	7,390	6,210	260	880
White-----	7,240	6,060	240	900	7,250	6,080	260	870
Nonwhite--	110	110	-	-	100	90	-	10
Vermont-----	3,168	2,666	168	325	3,168	2,677	145	341
White-----	3,146	2,645	167	325	3,152	2,663	145	339
Nonwhite--	5	5	-	-	6	6	-	-
Virginia-----	38,220	30,700	2,160	5,280	38,220	30,680	1,820	5,640
White-----	31,340	24,720	1,760	4,780	31,340	24,940	1,580	4,740
Nonwhite--	6,880	5,980	400	500	6,880	5,740	240	900
Wisconsin-----	24,240	21,720	1,040	1,320	24,240	22,380	1,020	760
White-----	23,820	21,360	1,040	1,260	23,740	21,940	980	740
Nonwhite--	400	340	-	60	500	440	40	20
Wyoming-----	3,246	2,023	232	980	3,246	2,123	179	939
White-----	3,158	1,963	225	959	3,160	2,064	172	919
Nonwhite--	85	58	6	21	85	58	7	20

³Ohio did not require reporting of color.

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Table 2-20. Marriages by Number of This Marriage of Bride and of Groom:
Marriage-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals by number of this marriage include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All marriages	NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE OF BRIDE			NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE OF GROOM		
		One	Two	Three or more	One	Two	Three or more
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	963,995	735,760	161,911	32,179	739,591	159,107	33,266
Alabama-----	32,720	25,280	6,160	1,180	25,240	6,060	1,400
Alaska-----	2,091	1,292	544	252	1,341	523	224
California-----	109,600	77,900	24,500	6,900	78,600	24,200	6,500
Connecticut-----	17,780	13,500	4,020	260	13,700	3,680	350
Delaware-----	2,560	2,049	459	48	2,080	433	44
District of Columbia-----	9,080	7,500	1,460	120	7,320	1,460	280
Florida-----	40,940	25,300	11,040	3,640	25,920	10,920	3,340
Georgia-----	52,100	36,900	12,500	1,800	37,700	11,800	2,000
Hawaii-----	5,290	3,940	1,040	300	4,230	910	150
Idaho-----	11,060	7,860	---	---	7,880	---	---
Indiana-----	42,300	29,300	9,400	1,900	30,700	7,800	2,900
Iowa-----	21,960	17,880	3,460	620	17,500	3,780	690
Kansas-----	16,140	12,740	---	---	12,620	---	---
Kentucky ¹ -----	22,240	16,780	1,600	280	16,780	1,640	340
Louisiana-----	24,060	16,360	3,540	590	16,000	3,720	620
Maine-----	7,880	6,280	1,300	270	6,310	1,450	110
Maryland-----	39,980	30,820	---	---	30,720	---	---
Massachusetts-----	33,660	29,200	3,920	520	29,420	3,820	420
Michigan-----	63,300	46,900	11,000	3,000	46,300	10,900	3,700
Mississippi-----	21,600	15,920	4,420	1,160	15,660	4,320	1,450
Montana-----	5,630	4,010	1,100	240	4,090	1,180	100
Nebraska-----	10,980	8,740	1,860	340	9,020	1,740	190
New Hampshire-----	7,350	5,300	1,710	340	5,290	1,780	290
New Jersey-----	40,700	33,220	6,320	580	33,140	6,840	260
New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	56,800	48,800	7,600	400	48,800	7,300	700
Ohio-----	66,000	49,600	13,300	3,500	48,700	14,100	3,000
Oregon-----	10,780	8,460	---	---	8,200	---	---
Pennsylvania-----	69,600	57,800	10,600	900	56,900	11,000	900
Rhode Island-----	5,640	4,760	790	80	4,770	760	90
South Dakota-----	6,250	5,020	1,010	170	5,280	850	80
Tennessee-----	31,660	24,040	6,180	1,140	24,300	5,720	1,440
Utah-----	7,390	6,200	900	280	6,210	970	190
Vermont-----	3,168	2,666	440	61	2,677	434	56
Virginia-----	38,220	30,700	6,600	800	30,680	6,560	900
Wisconsin-----	24,240	21,720	2,240	220	22,380	1,580	260
Wyoming-----	3,246	2,023	898	318	2,123	857	262

¹Data are incomplete.

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Table 2-21. Marriages by Age of Bride and of Groom, by Marriage Order and Type of Ceremony Performed, Whether Civil or Religious: Marriage-Registration Area, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AGE OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM	ALL MARRIAGES			FIRST MARRIAGES			REMARriages		
	Total	Type of ceremony performed		Total	Type of ceremony performed		Total	Type of ceremony performed	
		Civil	Religious		Civil	Religious		Civil	Religious
BRIDE-----	963,995	190,889	674,306	735,760	109,544	555,408	219,223	80,704	114,408
Under 20 years-----	366,349	62,378	267,399	355,136	59,825	261,923	6,805	2,372	3,480
20-24 years-----	321,840	46,293	242,346	285,139	32,561	224,293	34,218	13,412	16,670
25-29 years-----	86,422	20,464	57,209	51,031	7,578	38,711	34,711	12,846	18,058
30-34 years-----	49,099	15,037	30,116	17,988	3,334	13,562	30,871	11,663	16,454
35-39 years-----	41,309	14,738	21,565	10,412	2,543	6,229	30,517	12,155	15,256
40-44 years-----	29,353	11,499	14,325	6,489	1,155	4,333	22,624	10,324	9,812
45-49 years-----	22,379	6,927	13,021	3,519	1,322	1,977	18,560	5,605	10,884
50-54 years-----	16,920	5,825	9,463	2,347	627	1,640	14,413	5,198	7,783
55-59 years-----	10,684	3,013	6,178	1,258	234	844	9,386	2,779	5,294
60-64 years-----	9,569	2,681	6,068	908	161	627	8,631	2,520	5,411
65 years and over-----	8,200	1,682	5,117	544	82	422	7,636	1,600	4,675
GROOM-----	963,995	190,889	674,306	738,581	116,038	551,411	217,117	74,411	118,659
Under 20 years-----	126,985	23,438	90,580	123,980	22,827	89,346	1,085	531	434
20-24 years-----	422,824	59,935	320,236	401,421	54,359	308,150	17,431	5,356	9,914
25-29 years-----	162,003	28,670	117,225	128,990	18,422	98,395	32,169	10,248	18,327
30-34 years-----	75,370	21,094	46,542	41,428	8,413	28,992	33,521	12,581	17,309
35-39 years-----	45,835	13,303	27,024	18,459	4,211	12,295	27,136	9,072	14,629
40-44 years-----	35,615	13,896	18,180	9,746	3,354	5,550	25,769	10,522	12,550
45-49 years-----	25,507	9,189	13,417	5,759	1,960	2,999	19,568	7,229	10,258
50-54 years-----	19,908	7,258	11,154	2,781	779	1,791	16,947	6,479	9,343
55-59 years-----	15,292	5,094	8,746	1,686	580	985	13,516	4,514	7,691
60-64 years-----	12,814	3,508	7,975	1,751	588	893	10,943	2,920	7,062
65 years and over-----	20,340	5,298	11,951	1,771	493	1,258	18,369	4,805	10,633

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Table 2-22. Marriages by Marriage Order of Bride and of Groom and Type of Ceremony Performed, Whether Civil or Religious: Each Marriage-Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	ALL MARRIAGES:			FIRST MARRIAGES			REARRIAGES		
	Total	Type of ceremony performed		Total	Type of ceremony performed		Total	Type of ceremony performed	
		Civil	Religious		Civil	Religious		Civil	Religious
Alabama:									
Bride-----	32,720	12,420	20,280	25,280	8,620	16,660	7,440	3,800	3,620
Groom-----	32,720	12,420	20,280	25,240	8,620	16,600	7,480	3,900	3,640
Alaska:									
Bride-----	2,091	689	1,364	1,292	294	984	796	334	370
Groom-----	2,091	689	1,364	1,341	321	997	748	369	366
California:									
Bride-----	109,600	19,700	89,800	77,900	10,700	67,100	31,600	9,000	22,600
Groom-----	109,600	19,700	89,800	78,600	11,600	67,000	30,900	8,100	22,700
Connecticut:									
Bride-----	17,780	4,600	13,140	13,500	2,120	11,340	4,280	2,480	1,800
Groom-----	17,780	4,600	13,140	13,700	2,320	11,340	4,080	2,280	1,800
Delaware:									
Bride-----	2,560	269	2,260	2,049	163	1,870	508	106	387
Groom-----	2,560	269	2,260	2,080	171	1,891	478	98	367
District of Columbia:									
Bride-----	9,080	1,080	7,980	7,500	880	6,600	1,580	200	1,380
Groom-----	9,080	1,080	7,980	7,320	780	6,520	1,760	300	1,460
Florida:									
Bride-----	40,940	12,840	27,820	25,300	6,000	19,100	15,420	6,760	8,580
Groom-----	40,940	12,840	27,820	25,920	6,440	19,240	14,860	6,380	8,440
Georgia:									
Bride-----	52,100	27,500	24,600	36,900	17,200	19,700	14,500	10,100	4,400
Groom-----	52,100	27,500	24,600	37,700	17,700	20,000	13,900	9,700	4,200
Hawaii:									
Bride-----	5,290	1,370	3,800	3,940	720	3,140	1,350	650	660
Groom-----	5,290	1,370	3,800	4,230	920	3,200	1,060	450	600
Idaho:									
Bride-----	11,060	3,480	7,560	7,860	2,080	5,760	3,160	1,400	1,760
Groom-----	11,060	3,480	7,560	7,880	2,260	5,600	3,180	1,220	1,960
Indiana:									
Bride-----	42,300	8,700	32,900	29,300	4,300	24,500	12,400	4,400	7,800
Groom-----	42,300	8,700	32,900	30,700	4,700	25,500	11,300	4,000	7,200
Iowa:									
Bride-----	21,960	3,920	18,020	17,880	2,280	15,580	4,080	1,640	2,440
Groom-----	21,960	3,920	18,020	17,500	2,280	15,200	4,460	1,640	2,820
Kansas:									
Bride-----	16,140	2,860	13,240	12,740	1,600	11,120	3,240	1,200	2,020
Groom-----	16,140	2,860	13,240	12,620	1,540	11,040	3,400	1,260	2,140
Kentucky ¹ :									
Bride-----	22,240	1,520	6,820	16,780	820	5,440	5,280	680	1,300
Groom-----	22,240	1,520	6,820	16,780	780	5,520	5,340	740	1,260
Louisiana:									
Bride-----	24,060	3,560	17,240	16,360	1,860	12,820	4,340	1,540	2,180
Groom-----	24,060	3,560	17,240	16,000	1,860	12,520	4,660	1,540	2,460
Maine:									
Bride-----	7,880	1,560	6,310	6,280	890	5,380	1,600	670	930
Groom-----	7,880	1,560	6,310	6,310	940	5,360	1,570	620	900
Maryland ¹ :									
Bride-----	39,980	...	30,740	30,820	...	23,980	9,140	...	6,740
Groom-----	39,980	...	30,740	30,720	...	23,620	9,240	...	7,100
Massachusetts:									
Bride-----	33,660	6,500	27,120	29,200	4,200	24,960	4,460	2,300	3,180
Groom-----	33,660	6,500	27,120	29,420	4,720	24,660	4,240	1,780	2,460
Michigan:									
Bride-----	63,300	15,400	45,500	46,900	8,800	37,900	14,000	6,600	7,400
Groom-----	63,300	15,400	45,500	46,300	8,800	37,300	14,600	6,600	8,000
Mississippi:									
Bride-----	21,600	6,280	15,220	15,920	3,620	12,300	5,640	2,660	3,900
Groom-----	21,600	6,280	15,220	15,660	3,780	11,840	5,860	2,480	3,340
Montana:									
Bride-----	5,630	1,630	3,960	4,010	850	3,120	1,620	780	840
Groom-----	5,630	1,630	3,960	4,090	850	3,200	1,540	780	760
Nebraska:									
Bride-----	10,980	2,320	8,520	8,740	1,260	7,360	2,240	1,060	1,160
Groom-----	10,980	2,320	8,520	9,020	1,460	7,440	1,960	860	1,080

¹Civil ceremonies are not provided for in the laws of Maryland.

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Table 2-22. Marriages by Marriage Order of Bride and of Groom and Type of Ceremony Performed, Whether Civil or Religious: Each Marriage-Registration State, 1961—Con.

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	ALL MARRIAGES			FIRST MARRIAGES			REMARRIAGES		
	Total	Type of ceremony performed		Total	Type of ceremony performed		Total	Type of ceremony performed	
		Civil	Religious		Civil	Religious		Civil	Religious
New Hampshire:									
Bride-----	7,350	3,350	4,000	5,300	2,090	3,210	2,050	1,260	790
Groom-----	7,350	3,350	4,000	5,290	2,150	3,140	2,060	1,200	860
New Jersey:									
Bride-----	40,700	7,580	32,120	33,220	4,580	27,860	7,200	2,960	4,040
Groom-----	40,700	7,580	32,120	33,140	4,700	27,700	7,300	2,880	4,200
New York (excl. N.Y.C.):									
Bride-----	56,800	7,000	49,800	48,800	3,800	45,000	8,000	3,200	4,800
Groom-----	56,800	7,000	49,800	48,800	4,400	44,400	8,000	2,600	5,400
Ohio:									
Bride-----	66,000	---	---	48,600	---	---	16,800	---	---
Groom-----	66,000	---	---	48,700	---	---	17,100	---	---
Oregon:									
Bride-----	10,780	1,760	8,980	8,460	1,060	7,380	2,320	700	1,600
Groom-----	10,780	1,760	8,980	8,200	1,060	7,100	2,580	700	1,880
Pennsylvania:									
Bride-----	69,600	11,800	57,300	57,800	5,500	51,800	11,800	6,300	5,500
Groom-----	69,600	11,800	57,300	56,900	6,500	49,900	12,300	5,300	7,000
Rhode Island:									
Bride-----	5,640	730	4,900	4,760	380	4,370	870	350	520
Groom-----	5,640	730	4,900	4,770	440	4,320	850	290	560
South Dakota:									
Bride-----	6,250	1,580	4,660	5,020	970	4,040	1,230	610	620
Groom-----	6,250	1,580	4,660	5,280	1,160	4,110	970	420	550
Tennessee:									
Bride-----	31,660	8,600	22,940	24,040	5,260	18,740	7,420	3,260	4,080
Groom-----	31,660	8,600	22,940	24,300	5,440	18,800	7,220	3,080	4,080
Utah:									
Bride-----	7,390	400	6,600	6,200	290	5,670	1,180	110	920
Groom-----	7,390	400	6,600	6,210	310	5,640	1,170	90	950
Vermont:									
Bride-----	3,168	504	2,653	2,666	325	2,333	501	179	319
Groom-----	3,168	504	2,653	2,677	337	2,329	491	167	324
Virginia:									
Bride-----	38,220	6,800	31,280	30,700	4,560	26,040	7,500	2,240	5,220
Groom-----	38,220	6,800	31,280	30,680	4,980	25,620	7,500	1,820	5,620
Wisconsin:									
Bride-----	24,240	1,480	22,740	21,720	1,020	20,680	2,460	460	2,000
Groom-----	24,240	1,480	22,740	22,380	1,180	21,180	1,840	300	1,540
Wyoming:									
Bride-----	3,246	1,107	2,139	2,023	452	1,571	1,218	655	563
Groom-----	3,246	1,107	2,139	2,123	539	1,584	1,120	568	552

Table 2-23. First Marriages and Remarriages, by Age of Bride and of Groom and Specified Type of Ceremony Performed: 6 Reporting Marriage-Registration States, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals by age and type of ceremony performed, whether civil or religious, include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA, AGE OF BRIDE, AND AGE OF GROOM	FIRST MARRIAGES							REMARRIAGES						
	All first marriages	Type of ceremony performed					All remarriages	Type of ceremony performed						
		Civil	Religious					Civil	Religious					
		Total	Protes- tant	Roman Catholic	Jewish	Other and not stated		Total	Protes- tant	Roman Catholic	Jewish	Other and not stated		
TOTAL REPORTING REGISTRATION STATES														
Bride-----	178,846	22,435	155,683	86,305	56,761	2,715	29,902	53,501	18,679	34,779	27,784	1,453	651	4,691
Under 20 years-----	79,427	9,901	89,282	43,499	13,784	532	11,467	841	212	629	518	11	-	100
20-24 years-----	71,586	7,939	65,314	30,835	17,712	1,473	13,294	7,842	2,577	5,265	4,213	112	100	840
25-29 years-----	15,162	1,835	15,219	7,425	2,806	210	2,780	9,574	3,360	6,214	5,371	123	100	620
30 years and over-----	12,568	2,762	9,765	4,547	2,458	500	2,260	35,244	12,530	22,671	17,662	1,207	451	3,331
Groom-----	178,907	25,017	153,279	84,643	36,399	2,515	29,722	53,011	16,097	36,754	29,447	1,685	751	4,871
Under 20 years-----	27,879	3,967	23,790	14,983	4,213	200	4,414	300	-	300	100	-	-	200
20-24 years-----	92,870	9,506	83,010	44,901	20,770	1,374	15,965	3,827	741	3,086	2,424	302	-	300
25-29 years-----	34,883	5,313	29,459	16,265	7,583	320	5,191	8,608	2,278	6,330	5,157	413	-	720
30-34 years-----	12,223	2,544	9,677	4,417	2,169	521	2,570	8,289	2,547	5,622	4,649	53	100	630
35 years and over-----	11,049	3,687	7,340	4,097	1,561	100	1,582	31,986	10,431	21,415	17,076	917	651	2,771
CALIFORNIA														
Bride-----	77,900	10,700	67,100	45,500	15,900	1,100	3,600	31,600	9,000	22,600	20,000	900	300	1,400
Under 20 years-----	39,800	5,100	34,700	25,300	7,200	100	2,100	600	200	400	-	-	-	100
20-24 years-----	26,400	3,400	23,000	14,900	6,800	600	900	4,900	1,300	3,600	3,200	100	100	200
25-29 years-----	6,700	900	5,700	4,100	1,100	100	400	5,900	1,600	4,300	4,000	100	-	200
30 years and over-----	5,000	1,300	3,700	2,200	1,000	300	200	20,200	5,900	14,300	12,500	700	200	900
Groom-----	78,600	11,600	67,000	46,200	16,100	1,000	3,700	30,900	8,100	22,700	20,300	700	400	1,300
Under 20 years-----	14,100	1,800	12,300	8,900	2,300	-	1,100	200	-	200	-	-	-	200
20-24 years-----	39,200	4,800	34,400	23,500	8,600	600	1,700	2,300	300	2,000	1,700	200	-	100
25-29 years-----	16,200	2,700	13,500	9,300	3,400	200	600	5,000	1,200	3,800	3,700	100	-	-
30-34 years-----	4,900	900	4,000	2,500	1,100	200	200	5,600	1,800	3,800	3,400	-	100	300
35 years and over-----	4,200	1,400	2,800	2,000	700	-	100	17,800	4,800	12,900	11,500	400	300	700
PENNSYLVANIA														
Bride-----	57,800	5,500	51,800	11,100	14,100	1,400	25,200	11,800	6,300	5,500	1,600	300	300	3,300
Under 20 years-----	19,500	2,400	16,900	4,000	3,700	400	8,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	28,200	2,200	25,700	4,900	8,100	700	12,000	1,600	800	800	200	-	-	600
25-29 years-----	5,300	200	5,100	1,500	1,200	100	2,300	1,600	1,000	800	300	-	100	400
30 years and over-----	4,700	700	4,000	700	1,100	200	2,000	8,400	4,500	3,900	1,100	300	200	2,300
Groom-----	56,900	6,500	49,900	10,100	13,600	1,300	24,900	12,300	5,300	7,000	2,600	700	300	3,400
Under 20 years-----	7,100	1,300	5,700	1,300	1,100	200	3,100	100	-	100	-	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	29,900	1,500	28,100	5,400	8,300	700	13,700	700	300	400	100	-	-	200
25-29 years-----	11,000	1,400	9,500	2,200	2,900	-	4,400	2,200	700	1,500	500	300	-	700
30-34 years-----	4,800	1,000	3,800	500	700	300	2,300	1,200	400	800	300	-	-	600
35 years and over-----	4,100	1,300	2,800	700	600	100	1,400	8,100	3,900	4,200	1,600	300	300	2,000
RHODE ISLAND														
Bride-----	4,760	380	4,370	1,180	3,070	70	50	870	350	520	360	130	10	20
Under 20 years-----	1,910	170	1,740	430	1,280	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	2,080	100	1,970	490	1,430	30	30	120	70	50	40	10	-	-
25-29 years-----	350	40	310	110	170	10	20	150	80	70	60	10	-	-
30 years and over-----	420	70	350	160	190	-	-	600	200	400	260	110	10	20
Groom-----	4,770	440	4,320	1,150	3,050	70	50	850	290	560	390	140	10	20
Under 20 years-----	520	50	470	110	360	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	2,590	170	2,410	640	1,720	30	20	70	30	40	40	-	-	-
25-29 years-----	1,070	110	960	260	640	40	20	70	20	50	50	-	-	-
30-34 years-----	300	70	230	50	180	-	-	150	60	90	70	10	-	10
35 years and over-----	290	40	250	90	150	-	10	560	180	380	230	130	10	10
SOUTH DAKOTA														
Bride-----	5,020	970	4,040	2,110	1,010	-	920	1,230	610	620	470	40	-	110
Under 20 years-----	2,710	720	1,990	1,100	430	-	460	50	10	40	30	10	-	-
20-24 years-----	1,920	180	1,740	960	440	-	340	260	140	120	80	-	-	40
25-29 years-----	180	30	140	30	50	-	60	260	170	90	80	10	-	-
30 years and over-----	210	40	170	20	90	-	60	660	290	370	280	20	-	70
Groom-----	5,280	1,160	4,110	2,200	1,030	-	890	970	420	550	380	20	-	150
Under 20 years-----	820	240	580	310	100	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	2,880	480	2,400	1,320	640	-	440	150	40	110	50	-	-	60
25-29 years-----	930	190	730	360	220	-	150	160	80	80	50	10	-	20
30-34 years-----	350	160	190	130	10	-	50	160	100	60	50	-	-	10
35 years and over-----	300	90	210	80	60	-	70	500	200	300	230	10	-	60
VERMONT														
Bride-----	2,666	325	2,333	1,255	1,061	5	12	501	179	319	274	43	1	1
Under 20 years-----	1,367	171	1,192	689	494	2	7	11	2	9	8	1	-	-
20-24 years-----	1,026	99	924	455	462	3	4	62	27	35	33	2	-	-
25-29 years-----	152	23	129	63	68	-	64	30	34	31	3	-	-	-
30 years and over-----	118	32	85	47	38	-	364	120	241	202	37	1	-	1
Groom-----	2,677	337	2,329	1,253	1,059	5	12	491	167	324	277	45	1	1
Under 20 years-----	499	57	440	263	173	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	1,460	156	1,300	681	610	4	5	27	11	16	14	2	-	-
25-29 years-----	463	53	409	205	203	-	1	58	18	40	37	3	-	-
30-34 years-----	133	34	97	57	39	-	59	27	32	29	3	-	-	-
35 years and over-----	119	37	80	47	31	-	2	346	111	235	196	37	1	1

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Table 2-23. First Marriages and Remarriages, by Age of Bride and of Groom and Specified Type of Ceremony Performed: 6 Reporting Marriage-Registration States, 1961—Con.

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Totals by age and type of ceremony performed, whether civil or religious, include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA, AGE OF BRIDE, AND AGE OF GROOM	FIRST MARRIAGES							REMARRIAGES						
	All first mar- riages	Type of ceremony performed						All remar- riages	Type of ceremony performed					
		Civil	Religious						Civil	Religious				
			Total	Protes- tant	Roman Catholic	Jewish	Other and not stated			Total	Protes- tant	Roman Catholic	Jewish	Other and not stated
TOTAL REPORTING REGISTRATION STATES—Con.														
VIRGINIA														
Bride-----	30,700	4,560	26,040	24,160	1,620	140	120	7,500	2,240	5,220	5,080	40	40	60
Under 20 years-----	14,140	1,340	12,760	11,980	680	-	100	180	-	180	180	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	11,960	1,960	9,980	9,140	680	140	20	900	240	660	660	-	-	-
25-29 years-----	2,480	640	1,840	1,620	220	-	-	1,400	480	920	900	-	-	20
30 years and over-----	2,120	620	1,460	1,420	40	-	-	5,020	1,520	3,460	3,340	40	40	40
Groom-----	30,680	4,980	25,620	23,740	1,560	140	180	7,500	1,820	5,620	5,500	80	40	-
Under 20 years-----	4,840	520	4,300	4,080	180	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24 years-----	16,840	2,400	14,400	13,360	900	40	100	580	60	520	520	-	-	-
25-29 years-----	5,220	860	4,360	3,940	320	80	20	1,120	260	860	860	-	-	-
30-34 years-----	1,740	380	1,360	1,180	140	20	20	1,120	260	840	800	40	-	-
35 years and over-----	2,040	820	1,200	1,180	20	-	-	4,680	1,240	3,400	3,320	40	40	-

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Highlights

Divorce and annulment statistics for 1961 for the divorce-registration area (DRA) and each of the 20 divorce-registration States are based on a sample of divorce transcripts. National, regional, State, and county totals are based on total counts of events reported by State or local officials. The 1961 figure for the number of children involved in divorces and annulments is the only national figure based on sample data (table 3-J).

The number of divorce and annulment decrees granted in 1961 was 414,000, or 2.3 per 1,000 total population. This national rate was slightly higher than that for any other year since 1956. One married couple out of every 104 was divorced in 1961. The divorce rate varied considerably among the four geographic regions—0.8 for the Northeast, 2.2 for the North Central, 2.8 for the South, and 3.5 for the West. Thus the divorce rate in the West was more than four times as high as that in the Northeast.

Available data indicate that there is a relationship between the number of divorces and the age of husband and of wife at time of decree. The proportion of persons under age 25 among the population divorced in 1961 was about three times as high as the comparable proportion of the total married population. The percentages were, respectively, 17.4 and 5.8 for husbands, and 30.0 and 11.3 for wives.

The median duration of marriage at time of divorce was 7.1 years for the 20 registration States combined, but differences were marked among the individual States—with medians ranging between 4.7 years in Idaho and 9.4 in Maryland. The duration of marriage at time of decree is associated with the number of children reported and with the divorce laws of the individual States.

Children were reported in 60.3 percent of all divorce cases. This percentage has increased considerably from that for 1953 (45.5), the first year for which this figure was available; it was 56.7 in 1960. In 25.1 percent of the divorce cases, one child was reported, two children in 18.6 percent, 3 children in 9.3 percent, 4 chil-

dren in 4.6 percent, and 5 children or more in 2.7 percent of the cases.

In 1961, 7.6 children per 1,000 were involved in divorce cases as compared with 7.2 in 1960 and 6.4 in 1953. The estimated number of children under 18 years of age involved in divorce cases in the United States was 501,000 for 1961 as compared with 330,000 children in 1953—an increase of 52 percent. This increase took place despite the comparative stability of the annual number of divorces granted.

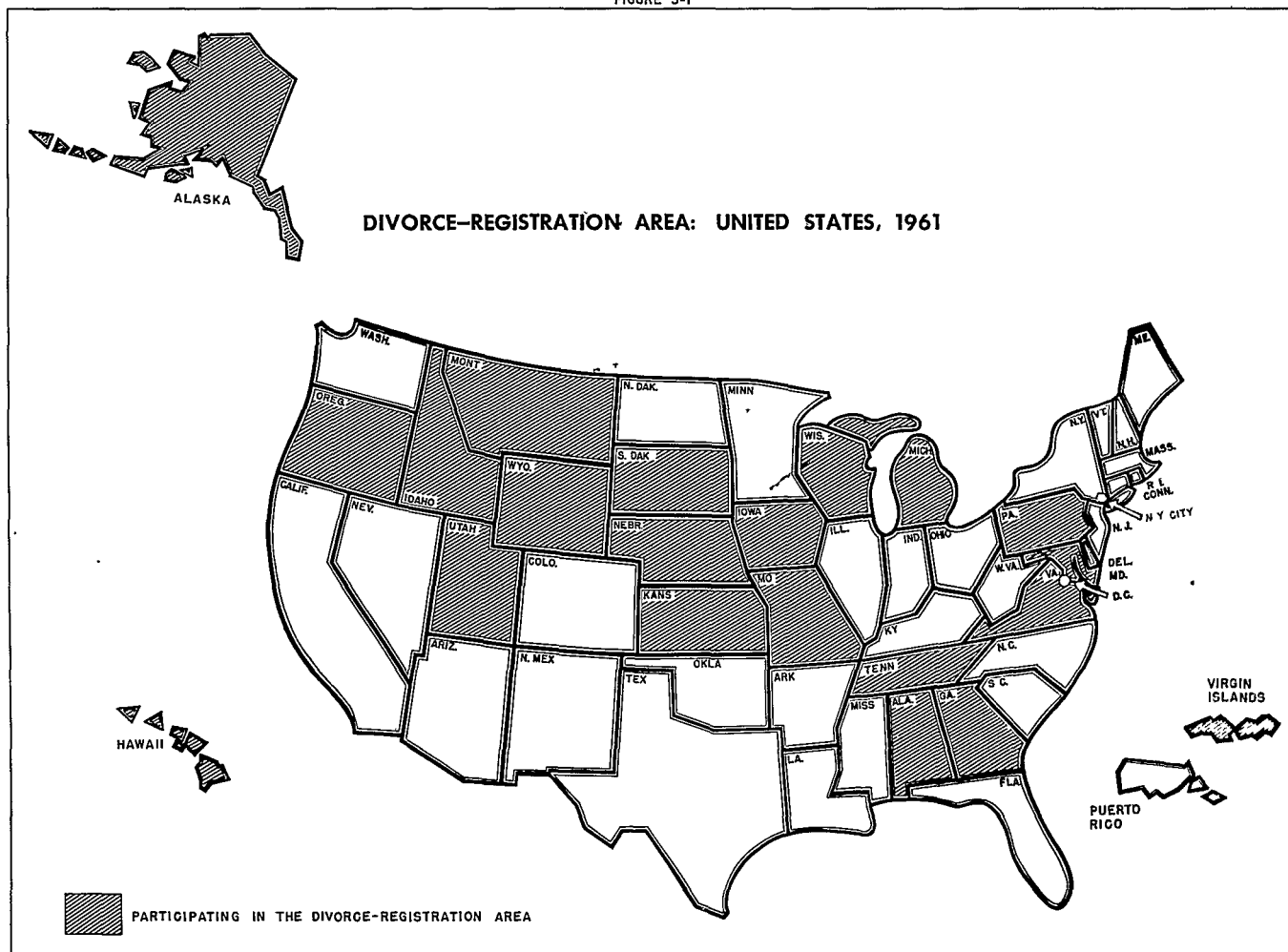
Sources of data

Detailed divorce and annulment data for 1961 were obtained from a sample of transcripts received from the 20 States participating in the divorce-registration area—Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Data for Michigan and Missouri are included with those for the DRA for the first time. The Virgin Islands is also included in the DRA; data for this area are published in Section 6. The sample design made it possible to compute estimates for the divorce-registration area and for each State participating in the DRA (fig. 3-1). Information about personal characteristics of husband and wife was not available on a large proportion of the sample transcripts. This applies particularly to data on age and on the number of this marriage. The reporting of duration of marriage, number of children involved, and legal variables was much more complete. Detailed information on the sample design, sampling variability, and data completeness is given in the Technical Appendix (Section 7).

In addition to data based on sample transcripts, annual State and county totals were obtained in pre-tabulated form from State or local officials. These totals were used in consistency checks for estimates obtained from the samples. The type and completeness of State and county totals are discussed in the Technical Appendix.

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FIGURE 3-1



National divorce totals and rates

The estimated total number of divorces and annulments granted in the United States during 1961 was 414,000, the highest national divorce figure since 1947. This was an increase of 5.3 percent over the total for the previous year, 4.8 percent over that for 1959, 12.5 percent over that for 1958, and 8.7 percent over that for 1957. The rate per 1,000 total population was 2.3, a rate slightly larger than the 2.2 for 1960, 1959, and 1957 and the 2.1 for 1958. The divorce rate per 1,000 married females 15 years old and over was 9.6 as compared with 9.2 for 1960, 9.3 for 1959, 8.9 for 1958, and 9.2 for 1957 (table 3-A). The increase of this rate indicates that the growth of the national divorce total is primarily due to factors other than an increase in the proportion of the population which is married.

Since two persons are involved in each divorce case, 828,000 persons were divorced in 1961, or 4.5 per 1,000

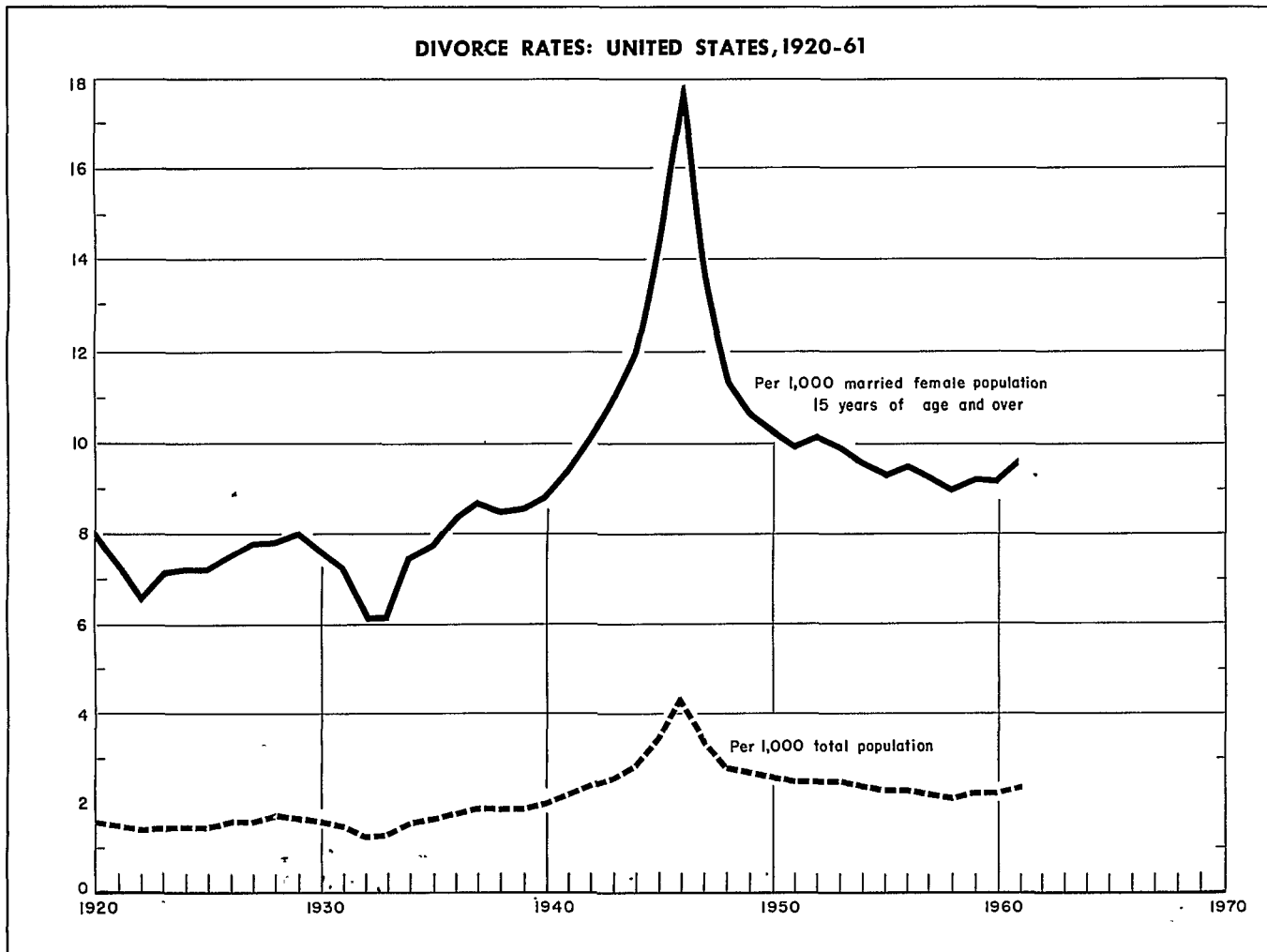
total population, and one divorce or annulment decree was granted per 442 persons or per 104 married women.

Trend of the divorce rate

The present divorce trend differs considerably from that prevailing before the end of World War II. Prior to the all-time peak in 1946, the trend showed a general upward tendency which was accelerated by wars and reversed by economic depressions. After 1946, the rate declined and gradually levelled off at about 2.2 per 1,000 population.

The rates shown in table 3-A and figure 3-2 illustrate the situation prevailing during the past four decades. From the 1920 level of 1.6, the divorce rate declined to 1.4 per 1,000 population in 1922 and then rose to 1.7 in 1928 and 1929. With the onset of the depression the rate declined to 1.3 in 1932 and 1933 and

FIGURE 3-2



thereafter increased to the level of 4.3 in 1946. Subsequently, the rate declined to 2.8 in 1948 and to 2.3 in 1955 and 1956; since then it has varied between 2.1 and 2.3 per 1,000.

Divorces by region and State

The divorce rate varied widely among regions and States (table 3-B and fig. 3-3). The lowest rate per 1,000 population was 0.8 for the Northeast Region, followed by 2.2 for the North Central, 2.8 for the South, and 3.5 for the West. The divorce rate for the West was more than four times as high as that for the Northeast. These rates are affected by migration and age distribution of the population.

Annual divorce and annulment totals for 1961 are available from all States and the District of Columbia even though some State figures are incomplete. The totals shown in table 3-B are based on reports from

State and local areas. Figures from some States may differ slightly from those shown in tables 4-1 through 4-14 of Section 4, which are estimated from sample transcripts.

Divorce rates computed for 49 States and the District of Columbia for 1961 were higher than those for 1960 in 23 areas, lower in 10, and the same in 15. Due to incomplete reports, no State rate was computed for Louisiana. For three States the 1960 rate is not available. In spite of the consistent decrease in the divorce rate for Nevada—from 36.0 per 1,000 population in 1957 to 25.9 in 1961—this State had the highest rates of any State for the years shown in table 3-B. For 1961 it was more than 11 times as high as the national divorce rate. The second highest divorce rate (5.3) was reported for Alabama. The lowest rates for 1961 were 0.4 per 1,000 population for New York and 0.8 for New Jersey.

Table 5-1 in Section 5 shows numbers of divorces and annulments by county and the completeness of county

reporting of divorces and annulments for each State, and table 6-2 in Section 6 gives similar data for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Annulments

The number of annulments reported for 1961 from 48 States and the District of Columbia was 11,520 (table 3-C). In the remaining two States (Kentucky and Texas) annulment figures were included in the divorce and annulment totals but not reported separately. The largest annulment figures were reported from California, where 5,643 annulments were granted in 1961, and New York, with 2,310 annulments. The 7,953 annulments granted by these two States constituted over two-thirds of all reported annulments. The reported annulments constituted 3.1 percent of all divorces and annulments granted in the 48 reporting States and the District of Columbia. However, in California this percentage was 10.9, and the incomplete figure from New York was 36.1 percent. The smallest percentages (less than 0.5 percent) were obtained from Georgia, Maine, Nevada, and Ohio; no annulments were granted in Rhode Island. These variations were due in part to the differences among the legal regulations in individual States.

Age at divorce

For the divorce-registration area, information about age at divorce is available for 63 percent of husbands and 64 percent of wives. These data indicate that there is a marked concentration of divorces in the younger age groups—about one husband out of every five was 25-29 years of age, and almost two out of every five were under 30 years of age. More than one wife out of every four was 20-24 years, and almost one-half were less than 30 years old. The numbers declined consistently with each subsequent 5-year age group (table 4-3 in Section 4). Similar distributions by age have been observed for earlier years. Age-specific divorce rates computed from 1950 census data also show a consistent decline with age.¹ Population data by marital status and age are available for 1961 for the total United States only.² These data indicate that 5.8 percent of all married men and 11.3 percent of all married women were under 25 years of age. This age category included 17.4 percent of the men divorced in 1961 and 30.0 percent of the women. Thus young persons under 25 years of age were found about three times as frequently among those who divorced in 1961 than among the total married population. This extreme difference between the two sets of percentages is pertinent despite the fact that one set refers to all the 50 States and the other refers to 20 States only and excludes the large proportion of cases with age not stated.

¹Paul C. Glick, *American Families*, New York, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1957, table 102.

²U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Marital Status and Family Status: March 1961," *Current Population Reports*, Series P-20, No. 114, January 31, 1962.

Further evidence of the higher incidence of divorce at the younger ages may be seen in rates computed from the 1960 data from which population figures by age and marital status were available by individual States. Divorce cases with age not stated (41 percent of the total figure for the DRA) were distributed proportionally among the age groups and then divorce rates by age were computed. The rates for the youngest age groups were markedly higher than those for the total married population. For the DRA and for all age groups combined, the divorce rate per 1,000 married men was 8.8, and that per 1,000 married women was 8.7, but for married men under age 25 this rate was 24.5, and for married women under age 20 it was 27.7. The validity of these rates depends on the accuracy of the assumption that the age distribution in the age not stated category is similar to the available age distribution.

In the 20 registration States combined, median age at decree was 34.0 for men and 30.8 for women (table 3-D); in 1960, with 18 States reporting, these medians were 34.1 and 30.9. For divorces granted in 1961 the highest median ages at decree were found in Oregon (35.9 for husbands and 33.4 for wives) and in Wisconsin (35.3 and 32.2). The lowest median ages were 31.9 and 26.7 in Alabama and 31.9 and 28.5 in Utah.

Age at marriage

Information on age at marriage of husbands and wives who were divorced during 1961 is given in table 4-4 of Section 4. This information is shown for 63 percent of the husbands and wives divorced in the DRA. There is a marked concentration of age at marriage; 40 percent of the divorces for which information about age at marriage is available occurred to husbands who were married at ages from 20 through 24, and 47 percent occurred to wives married under the age of 20. Marriage statistics indicate that almost all brides of the latter age group were married at ages 15-19.³ The same modal age groups for husbands and wives were found in all registration States except Alabama. The percentages of divorced husbands and wives who were married under age 25 were 59 and 74, respectively, and for those who were married under age 30 they were 76 and 84 percent.

Median ages at marriage for the DRA were 23.8 years for husbands and 20.6 years for wives (table 3-D). For individual registration States, the median age at marriage of husbands was lowest in Alabama (20.8) and Virginia (23.3) and highest in Alaska (28.6), South Dakota (25.0), and Hawaii (24.9). For the divorced wives, the lowest median ages at marriage were 18.1 in Alabama, 19.4 in Wyoming, and 19.5 in Nebraska, while the highest median ages were 24.9 in Alaska, 23.0 in Oregon, and 22.9 in Hawaii. For the DRA the difference

³National Office of Vital Statistics, *Vital Statistics of the United States, 1959*, Volume I, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1959, table 9.

between the median age at marriage of divorced persons and median age at divorce was 10.2 for both husbands and wives; this difference was less than 6 years for both husbands and wives in Alaska, while the largest difference between the medians was 11.3 years for husbands in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and 11.9 years for wives in Maryland.

Some indication of the relationship between age at marriage and probability of divorce is obtained by comparing the percentage of divorced husbands and wives who married at a given age with the percentage of those of the same age among brides and grooms married in earlier years. This will indicate whether a given age at marriage is overrepresented or underrepresented among the divorced population. Thus, in a group of 15 registration States from which data are available (Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming), the group under 20 years of age at marriage represented the following percentages of husbands and wives married and divorced in 1961 and 1960 and of those married during the immediately preceding years:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE OF HUSBANDS		PERCENTAGE OF WIVES	
	Married	Divorced	Married	Divorced
1961-----	14.3	20.0	40.4	47.8
1960-----	14.0	16.4	40.3	46.0
1959-----	13.2	...	39.1	...
1958-----	12.9	...	39.0	...
1957-----	12.0	...	37.8	...

These data indicate that marriages of the very young are somewhat overrepresented among the 1961 and 1960 divorces.

Computation of divorce rates by age at marriage presents serious problems because base populations for the computation of such rates are not available. Age at marriage refers not to the data year but to the year when the divorced couple was married. Persons classified in the same age group at marriage were married in various calendar years.

Divorces by color of husband and of wife

In the divorce-registration area color was reported in over 70 percent of all cases. About 89 percent of the divorced husbands and wives reporting color were white, and 11 percent were members of various nonwhite races (table 4-5 in Section 4). Very few divorces were granted to nonwhites in the four reporting Mountain States of Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming. The lowest percentage of nonwhite divorces was in Nebraska (1.0 percent of husbands and 0.8 percent of wives) and in Idaho (1.4 and 1.3), while the highest was in Hawaii—53.7 nonwhite husbands and 60.9 nonwhite wives among persons divorced in 1961.

The largest proportions of divorces granted to nonwhite persons outside of Hawaii were found in the reporting Southern States of Virginia and Georgia (with 19 percent of the divorces granted to nonwhites) and Tennessee and Alabama (with about 15 percent). Nonwhite persons divorced in these States were almost exclusively Negroes.

Interracial divorces

The information on the color of both husband and wife is available for 87,456 couples divorced in 1961, or for 69.9 percent of all divorces in the registration States. In 86,805 cases, or 99.3 percent, both husband and wife were of the same color—either both white or both nonwhite even though the nonwhite spouses may have belonged to different races. In 651 cases 1 spouse was white and the other nonwhite. Divorces of white husbands married to nonwhite wives were much more numerous than divorces of nonwhite husbands married to white wives (394 and 257 divorces).

The number of divorces and annulments for 1961 by color of husband and of wife is given below for the divorce-registration area:

COLOR OF SPOUSE	Number of divorces and annulments
All divorces and annulments-----	125,128
White husband-----	77,741
White wife-----	77,347
Nonwhite wife-----	394
Nonwhite husband-----	9,715
Nonwhite wife-----	9,458
White wife-----	257
Color not stated for either or both husband and wife-----	37,672

More than one-half of all interracial divorces that occurred in DRA States were granted in Hawaii (340 decrees, or 52 percent), 41 such decrees were granted in Alaska (6 percent), 104 decrees in the five reporting continental Western States (16 percent), 96 in the 8 reporting Northeastern and North Central States (15 percent), and 70 in the reporting Southern States (11 percent). No interracial divorces were reported from Georgia, Iowa, and Tennessee.

Divorces by marriage order of husband and of wife

Information about the number of marriages of the divorced husbands and wives is available for 57 percent of the husbands and wives who were divorced in the divorce-registration area. Two registration States (Nebraska and Virginia) did not report this information,

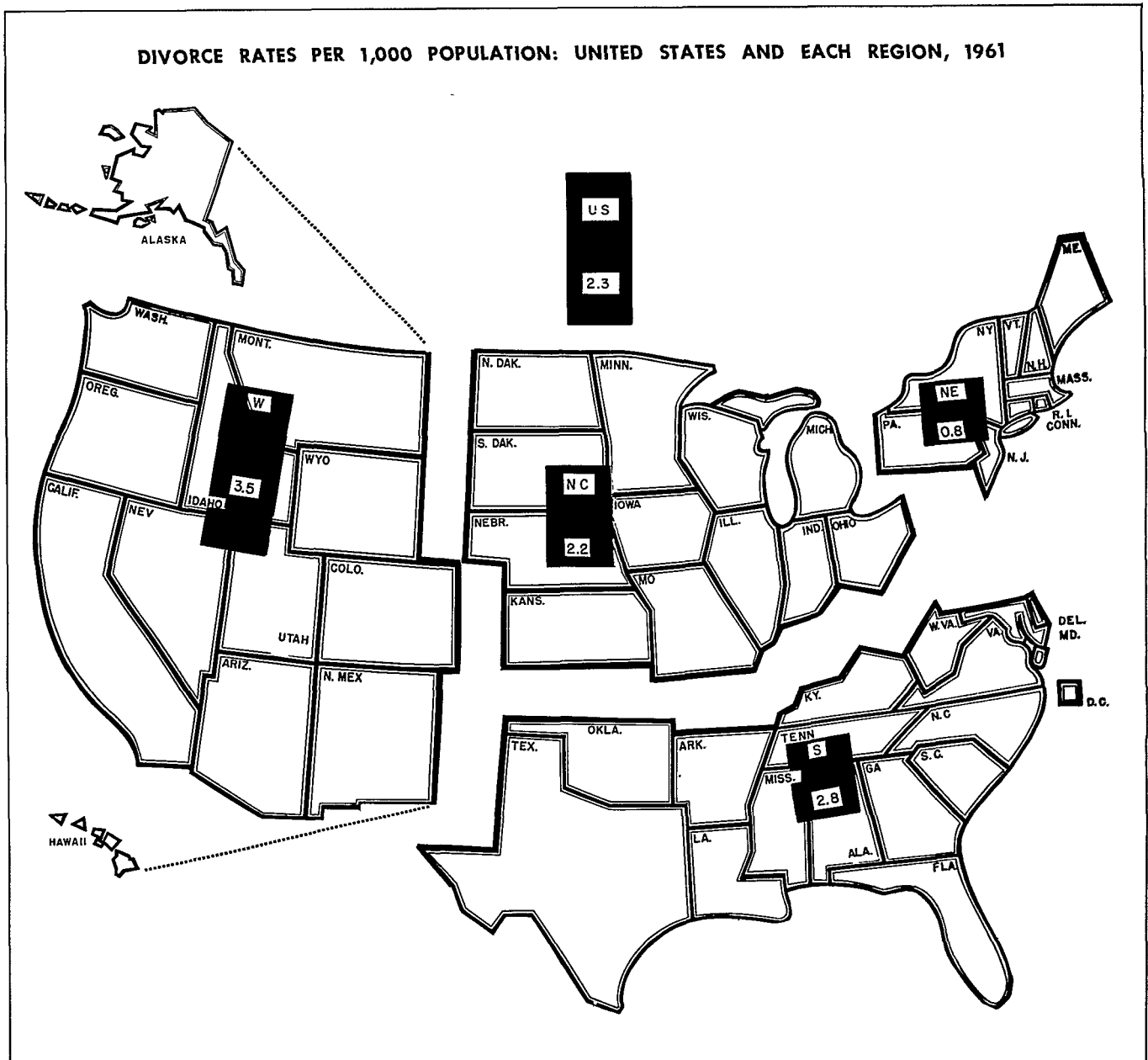
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and the reported data are incomplete for several other States. Hence, the detailed information about second, third, and higher order marriages was not tabulated, and the available statistics were consolidated into two categories—husbands and wives married once and those married more than once.

For the reporting States in the divorce-registration area there was a marked variation among States in the proportion of divorces that terminated a first marriage or a remarriage (table 4-6 in Section 4). In general, slightly less than three out of four divorced husbands and wives had been married once, and about 26 per-

cent of the husbands and 27 percent of the wives had been married more than once. There is a marked regional pattern in this regard with a smaller proportion of remarried persons divorced in States east of the Mississippi than west of it. For men divorced east of the Mississippi River, this proportion ranged between 17 percent (Pennsylvania) and 31 percent (Tennessee), while for those divorced west of the Mississippi the range was between 26 percent (South Dakota) and 39 percent (Iowa). For women divorced in the East, comparable percentages were between 15 percent (Pennsylvania) and 31 percent (Tennessee) and for those di-

FIGURE 3-3



vorced in the West between 30 percent (South Dakota) and 41 percent (Idaho). Alaska and Hawaii were not included in this comparison.

Beginning with data for 1958, there has been a slight decline in the proportion of reported divorces terminating a remarriage. In that year 31 percent of the divorcing husbands and 32 percent of the wives in six reporting States were terminating a remarriage. In 1959 these percents were 29 and 30, and the number of reporting States was 10. In 1960 for 16 reporting States, these percentages were 27 and 28, while in 1961, as indicated from 18 reporting States, the percents were 26 for husbands and 27 for wives. This decline may be due in part to the changes in the number of reporting States and to the high proportion of cases with marriage order not stated found in some of these States.

In 1961, 23 percent of both grooms and brides were remarrying after one or more previous marriages. Corresponding percentages for 1960 were 24 for grooms and 25 for brides; for 1959, 22 and 23; and for 1958, 21 and 22 percent. For the reporting States, therefore, the proportion of remarried husbands and wives divorced in 1961 was higher than that of brides and grooms remarried in the years 1958-61. However, the differences are too slight to be significant and may be due in part to the changing numbers of States reporting marriage and divorce statistics.

Residence of the defendant

To what extent does the defendant in a divorce action reside in the same State as the plaintiff? Some light is thrown on this question by the tabulation for 1961 of place of residence of defendants for the States of the divorce-registration area (table 4-2 in Section 4). Information about the residence of the defendant is available for 71.7 percent of decrees granted in the DRA. (The not stated category includes all decrees granted in Kansas, where the question on residence is not requested on the divorce record form.) A divorce suit can be filed only in the State where the plaintiff has his or her legal residence, even though occasionally residence is established in a State with permissive laws for the purpose of obtaining a divorce. Hence, the State where the decree was granted is always the State of legal residence of the plaintiff.

In all reporting States of the DRA higher proportions of defendant husbands than of defendant wives resided in the same State as the plaintiff—86.1 percent for husbands compared with 75.7 percent for wives. The remaining defendants were approximately evenly divided between the two other categories—residents of another State of the same region and not residents of any State in the region. About 7 percent of defendant husbands and about 12 percent of defendant wives belonged to each of these two categories.

Differences between States are marked. Defendant husbands residing in the same State as their wives ranged from 74.1 percent in Virginia to 94.0 percent in Michigan. Resident defendant wives ranged from 53.7 percent in Idaho to 89.7 in Michigan.

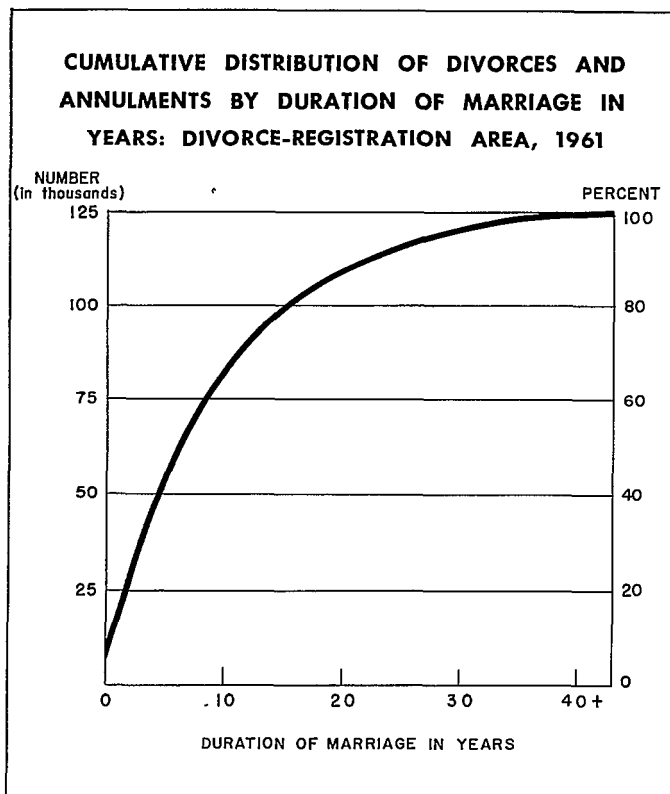
The percentages of defendants residing in other States of the same region and of those residing outside of the region also vary markedly between the individual registration States. In Idaho and Oregon the former group was more than twice as large as the latter, while in Nebraska and South Dakota the situation was reversed for both husbands and wives.

Duration of marriage at time of decree

Data on duration of marriage at time of decree are available for 96.8 percent of all divorces granted in the divorce-registration area. Most marriages ending in divorce are of relatively short duration. Over one-third of all divorces were granted after a duration of less than 5 years, and close to two-thirds after less than 10 years (tables 3-E and 4-7 in Section 4). On the other hand, some of these marriages had continued for many years. Nearly one-eighth lasted for 20 years or longer (fig. 3-4). The highest percentage of divorces for any single year of duration was 9.4 for 1 year. Percentages declined with each additional year of duration, and divorces granted after 9 years of marriage comprised 4.0 percent of all decrees.

The percentage distribution of divorces by duration of marriage varied considerably between registration States. The modal duration was 1 year in 12 States, 2 years in 2 States, and 4 years in 3 States; while 3 States did not have a single modal year of duration. In Idaho and Wyoming more than 10 percent of the divorces had a

FIGURE 3-4



duration of less than 1 year, while in Virginia this percentage was only 0.7. In Wisconsin 15.9 percent of marriages ending in divorce lasted 20 years or longer, and in Alaska only 7.2 percent lasted this period of time.

Variables associated with duration of marriage

The median duration of marriage at divorce for the DRA was 7.1 years, and for individual registration States these medians ranged between 4.7 years for Idaho and 9.4 years for Maryland (table 3-F and fig. 3-5).

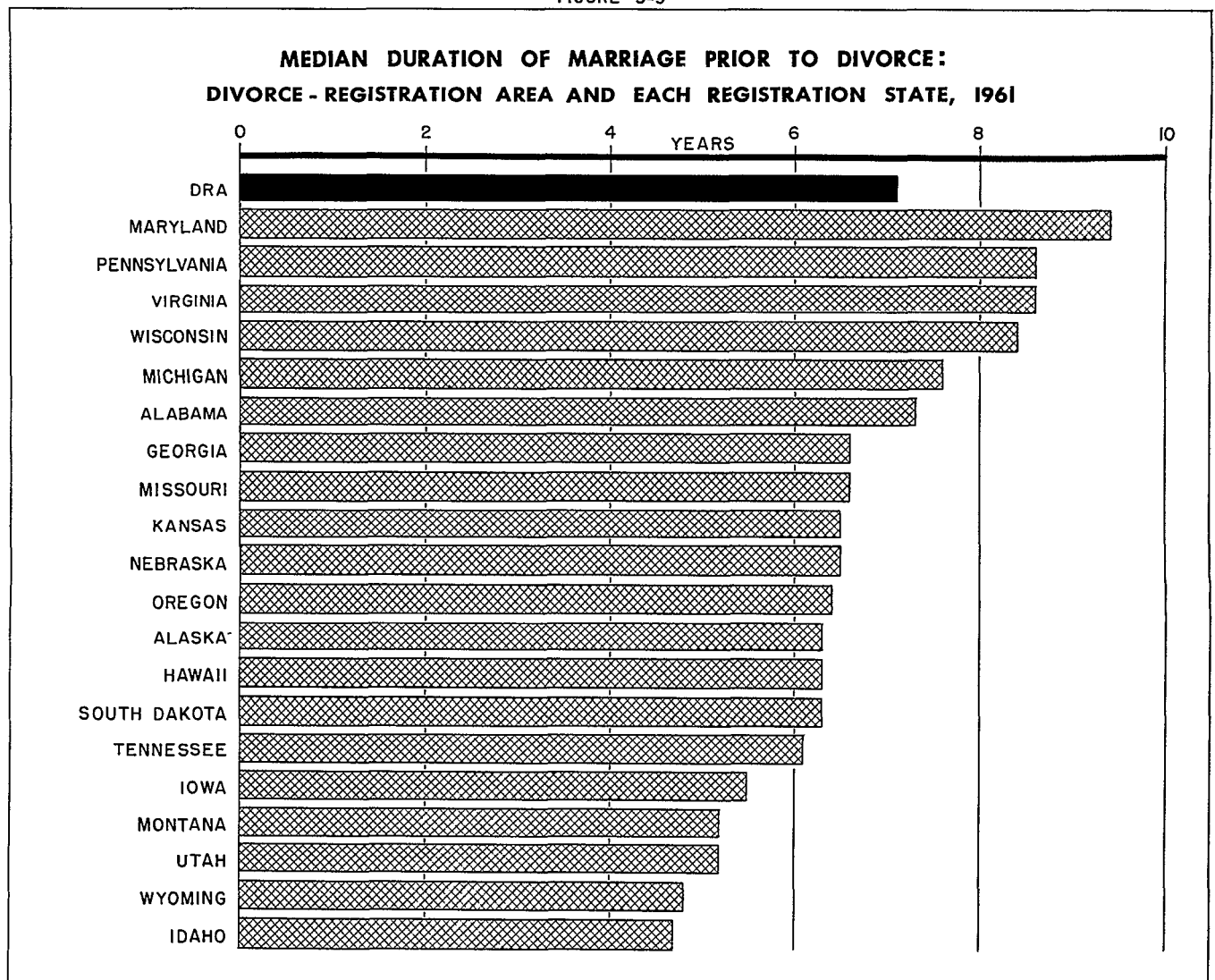
Cross-tabulations of divorces with other variables had the following levels of completeness—data on duration by number of children reported were 89.4 percent complete; data on duration by plaintiff were 94.9 percent complete; and data on duration by legal grounds were 95.2 percent complete.

As one would anticipate, median duration of marriage at divorce is associated with the number of children reported (table 3-J and table 4-9 in Section 4).

In general, duration increased with the increasing number of children. For the DRA, the median duration of marriages with no children under 18 years of age was 4.7 years, those with one child 5.9 years, those with two children 8.9 years, and those with three children or more 12.1 years. These medians were computed from grouped data and differ slightly from medians computed from single-year data. A similar pattern may be observed in most reporting areas. However, in Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin duration of childless marriages is equal to or longer than that of marriages with one child reported. This may be due to a high percentage of couples with children already over 18 years of age who are not reported on the divorce records.

Median duration of marriage at divorce also depends upon State divorce laws. Procedural norms determine in part the duration of the divorce case between the time the petition is filed and the time the decree is granted. Such grounds as desertion and insanity become legal grounds for divorce after varying periods of time. In all reporting States the median duration varies depending

FIGURE 3-5



on the ground for which the decree was granted. For the DRA the median duration of marriage in 1961 was 9.5 years when the decree was granted for desertion (9.1 years in 1960), 7.2 years for nonsupport (5.9 years in 1960), and 6.8 for cruelty (6.7 in 1960). Thus, between 1960 and 1961, the median duration changed very little when the decree was granted for cases of desertion or cruelty, but it was marked for cases of nonsupport.

In most registration States there was also a difference in the median duration of marriage between cases where the husband was the plaintiff and those where the wife was the plaintiff (table 4-12 in Section 4). In a few areas the differences between the two medians were pronounced—in Missouri the median duration of marriage for cases in which the husband was plaintiff was more than 1 year above that for cases in which the wife was plaintiff (7.6 and 6.4 years, respectively), while in Pennsylvania the contrary was true (7.8 and 9.1 years). For the 20 registration States combined these medians were approximately equal in both cases—7.5 years for the husband and 7.4 years for the wife.

Month when marriage was performed

The month of marriage of divorced couples is of interest in view of the marked seasonal trend of marriages. A relatively large number of marriages occur in June and much smaller numbers in January, February, and March. When the date of marriage of the divorcing couples is examined, one may inquire whether the divorces granted in 1961 show the familiar seasonal pattern of marriage or a different one. As may be expected, the month of marriage of divorcing couples is not inconsistent with the seasonal pattern of the month of marriage of the general population. However, there are many minor variations. The number and percentage distribution of divorces and annulments by month of marriage are shown below for the DRA.

MONTH MARRIAGE PERFORMED	DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS	
	Number	Percent
All divorces and annulments--	¹ 125,128	100.0
January-----	8,271	6.9
February-----	8,894	7.4
March-----	8,311	6.9
April-----	8,957	7.5
May-----	8,608	7.2
June-----	13,354	11.1
July-----	10,458	8.7
August-----	11,061	9.2
September-----	10,505	8.7
October-----	11,278	9.4
November-----	9,913	8.2
December-----	10,551	8.8

¹Includes 4,967 decrees with month of marriage not stated.

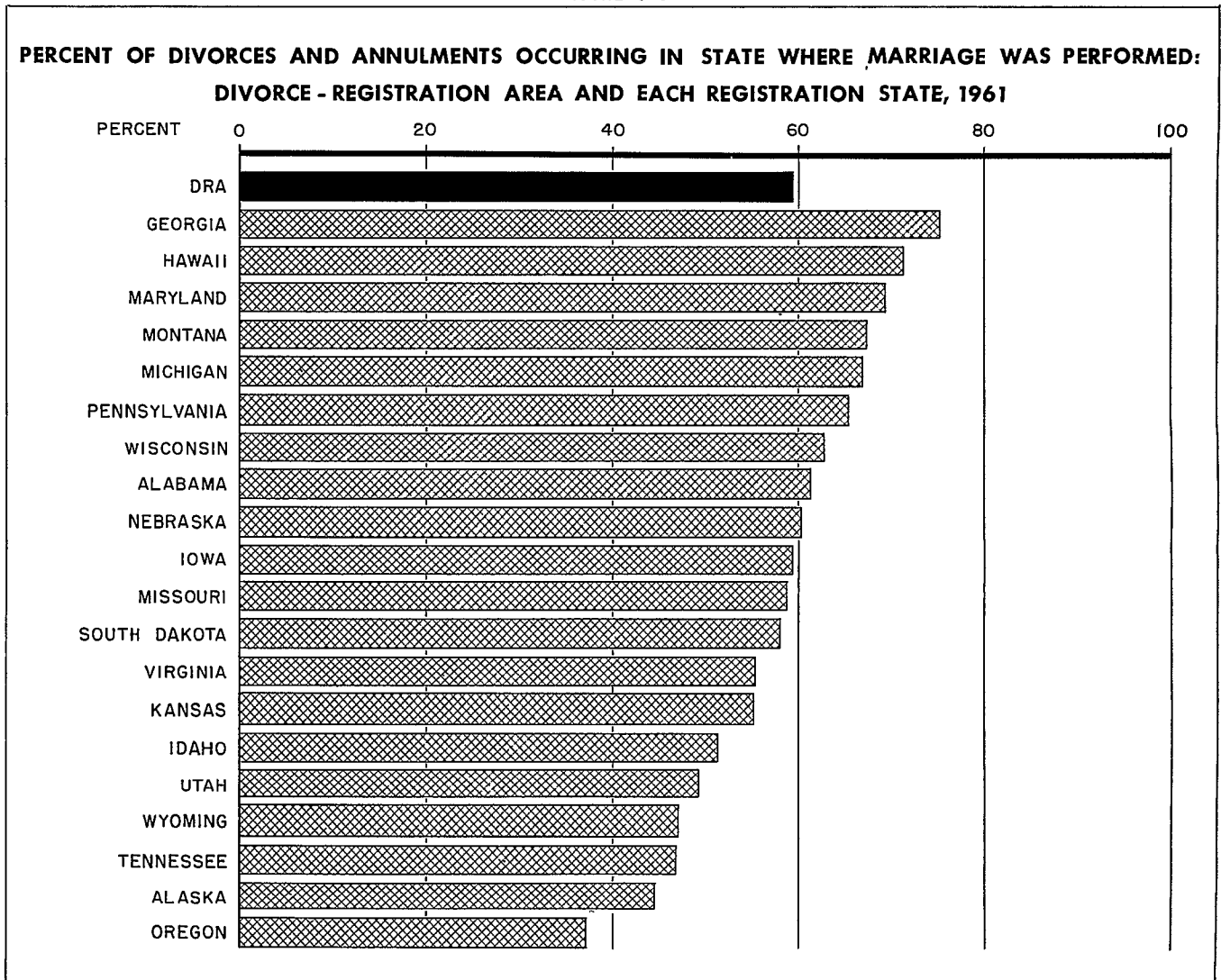
The largest number of divorces in 1961 was granted to couples married in June. For the DRA they represented 11.1 percent of all divorces as compared with 12.2 percent of marriages performed in June 1961, 12.0 percent of those performed in June 1960, 12.9 percent of those performed in June 1959, and 12.9 percent of those performed in June 1958. June was also the peak month of marriage for divorced couples in 13 States, December in 3—Georgia, Hawaii, and Virginia—and May, September, October, and November in 1 State each—Oregon, South Dakota, Missouri, and Alaska, respectively. The smallest numbers of divorced couples were married in January for the DRA; January, February, or March for 12 of the reporting States; April for Michigan and Wyoming; May for Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee; July for Alabama; and November for Iowa. The distributions shown in the table above reflect the seasonal distribution of marriages, where the rate is highest in June and lowest during the first 3 months of the year. However, couples married during the months when the marriage rate was low were slightly overrepresented in divorce cases, and those married during peak months were slightly underrepresented. For all reporting areas combined the percentages of couples divorced in 1960 and 1961 who were married in January, February, and March were higher than those of all couples who were married during the same months of 1958-61, while the percentages of divorced couples married in June and August were lower than the percentages of marriages performed during these months. These percentages for January divorces were 7.1 in 1960 and 6.9 in 1961, and for January marriages, 6.0 in 1958, 6.5 in 1959, 6.3 in 1960, and 5.9 in 1961. For February similar percentages were 7.4 and 7.4 as compared with 6.5, 6.3, 6.9 and 6.2; for March, 6.9 and 6.9 as compared with 6.0, 5.8, 5.1, and 5.7; for June, 10.6 and 11.1 as compared with 13.4, 13.0, 12.2 and 12.2; for August, 9.2 and 9.2 as compared with 11.3, 10.9, 9.9 and 9.9. For the remaining 7 months no clear-cut pattern was found.

Place where marriage was performed

The place where the marriage was performed is of interest in the analysis of divorce statistics in that it reflects the extent of migration from one State to another between these two events. Citizens of the United States are highly migratory, especially young adults, and it is probable that most of the movement between States is the usual type connected with such factors as job opportunities. Some minor portion of the interstate migration is for the purpose of obtaining a divorce under State laws considered more favorable than those of the State of marriage. What percentage of total migration this represents is unknown.

More than one-half (59.4 percent) of all divorces granted in the registration States in 1961 occurred in the State where the couple was married (table 4-1 in Section 4 and fig. 3-6), and for 40.6 percent of the cases the two events took place in different States. Because of sampling variability, however, data showing the detailed distribution of divorces by State where marriage was performed were not prepared for 1961.

FIGURE 3-6



In 1960 in the United States 57.5 percent of divorces were granted in the State where marriage was performed, and this percentage was 56.9 for the 18 registration States combined. The 13 States reporting this information for 1959 and the 9 States reporting for 1958 had 54.8 and 53.9 percent, respectively. All of these percentages are similar to the 1961 figures.

Georgia and Hawaii had the highest percentages of decrees granted to couples married in the State—75.1 and 71.2 percent. On the other hand, both in 1960 and 1961 Alaska, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, and Wyoming had less than one-half of all divorces granted to couples married in the State. Oregon had the lowest proportion of such divorces—35.8 percent in 1960 and 37.2 in 1961.

Children of divorced couples

Information on the number of children reported is available for 90.1 percent of all divorces. Data for 11 States refer to children under 18 years of age; definitions of the number of children reported from the 9 remaining States are listed in table 3-G and table 4-8 in Section 4. Data on the distribution of divorces by number of children reported (tables 3-G and 4-8) indicate that in the registration States combined 60.3 percent of the divorced couples reported children and 39.7 percent reported no children; the latter percentage includes both the childless couples and those that had children over the age of 18 who were not reported on divorce records. One child was reported in 25.1 percent of all divorce

cases. Families with five children or more represented 2.7 percent of all divorces (fig. 3-7).

The distribution of couples divorced in 1961 by the number of children under 18 years of age reported is compared below with a similar distribution of all married couples estimated for 1961.⁴

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18	All married couples	Couples divorced in 1961
Total-----	100.0	100.0
No children-----	41.0	39.7
1 child-----	18.6	25.1
2 children-----	18.8	18.6
3 children-----	11.5	9.3
4 children or more-----	10.1	7.3

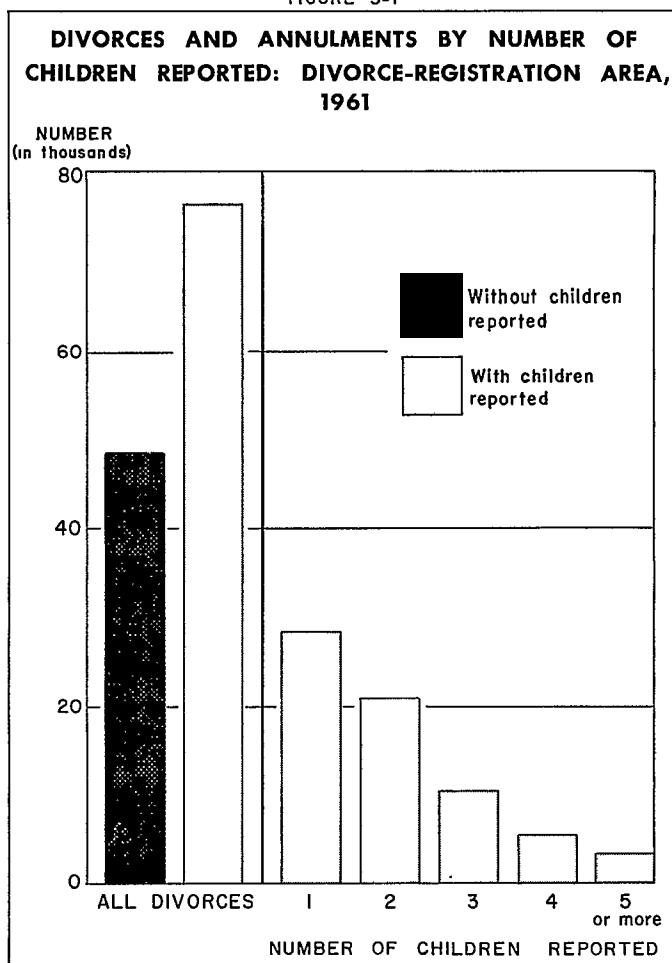
These percentages indicate that the number of couples with one child was overrepresented among the population divorced in 1961 and those with 3 and 4 children or more were underrepresented. The percentages were very similar for couples with no children under 18 and for couples with two children. The comparison of the two percentage distributions is valid only on the assumption that the distribution of all married couples (prepared for the whole country) applies also to the 20 States included in the DRA.

The definitions given by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for "married couple" and "children" are as follows: A married couple is "a husband and his wife enumerated as members of the same household, group quarters, or quasi household." "'Own' children in a household, family, or subfamily comprise the head's sons and daughters, including stepchildren and adopted children, living in the home. The count of own children under 18 years old is limited to single (never married) children. . . ." Estimated national figures for married couples were used for this comparison, rather than those of families and subfamilies, because 4,532,000 families out of 45,435,000 (or about 10 percent) had a widowed, single, or divorced head who was not subject to the risk of divorce, while only 1,279 families with a married head were not included among married couples because the spouse of the head was absent.

In Hawaii children were reported in more than 70 percent of all divorce cases; in 10 States between 60 and 70 percent of the divorced couples reported children; and in the remaining 9 States this percentage was between 50 and 60. The lowest percentages were found in Missouri (52.1) and Alaska (53.9). Couples with many children were most numerous among those divorced in

⁴U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Household and Family Characteristics: March 1961," *Current Population Reports*, Series P-20, No. 116. May 1, 1962.

FIGURE 3-7



Hawaii (7.5 percent of couples reported 5 children or more) and in South Dakota (5.2 percent reported this number); this percentage was lowest in Pennsylvania (0.5) and Oregon (1.2).

An estimated 501,000 children were involved in divorce cases in 1961, 1.21 children per decree. This is the first year for which the number of children involved was more than one-half million. Of the 65,940,000 children under 18 years of age estimated in the United States during 1961, 7.6 per 1,000 were involved in divorce cases. This rate was 7.2 in 1960, 7.5 in 1959, 6.5 in 1958, 6.4 in 1957, 6.3 in 1956, 6.3 in 1955, 6.4 in 1954, and 6.4 in 1953. (Population bases for these rates are the estimates of the number of children under 18 years of age prepared by the U.S. Bureau of the Census and published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 265.)

The total number of children varied widely among individual reporting States (table 3-H). The highest ratios of children per divorce were found in Hawaii (1.87), Utah (1.53), and South Dakota (1.52) and the lowest ratios in Missouri (1.07) and Maryland (1.08).

The estimated national total of children involved in divorce cases increased by 52 percent between 1953 (the first year for which this figure was estimated) and 1961; the total number in 1953 was 330,000 and in 1961 it was 501,000 (table 3-J). This increase occurred despite the relative stability of divorce totals in recent years because there was a decline in the proportion of divorces with no children reported and an increase in the average number of children per divorce. The ratio of children per divorce increased from 0.85 in 1953 to 1.21 in 1961, and the proportion of divorce and annulment decrees with children involved increased during those years from 45.5 in 1953 to 60.3 in 1961.

The percent of divorces and annulments with children involved and number of reporting States for 1953-61 with the percent of the population residing in the reporting States are as follows:

YEAR	Number of reporting States	Percent of U.S. population residing in reporting States	Percent of decrees with children involved
1961-----	20 DRA States	31.9	60.3
1960-----	50 States	100.0	56.7
1959-----	16 DRA States	23.4	59.1
1958-----	12 DRA States	13.6	55.1
1957-----	23 States	33.9	50.9
1956-----	22 States	33.4	48.9
1955-----	22 States	33.3	48.1
1954-----	22 States	33.3	47.8
1953-----	22 States	33.3	45.5

Simultaneously, the proportion of divorces with 5 children or more reported increased also—1.8 percent in 1956, 2.0 in 1957, 2.1 in 1958, 2.5 in 1959, 2.6 in 1960, and 2.7 in 1961.

Legal grounds for decree

Legal grounds for divorce and annulment are specified in the statutes of each State, and there are marked differences among States in the grounds available and in the definitions of individual grounds (table 4-10 in Section 4).

A distinction must be made between legal grounds for a decree and the underlying causes of the divorce or annulment. In some cases decrees are obtained on the ground that is least unpleasant to claim and easiest to establish in legal proceedings.

Almost two out of three divorces granted in the registration States were granted on the ground of cruelty, including indignities and mental suffering. This ground was alleged in the majority of divorces granted in 16 of the 20 registration States. The four exceptions were Alaska, Kansas, Maryland, and Virginia. The percentage of decrees granted for cruelty and related grounds ranged from none in Virginia and less than 0.5 percent in Maryland to more than 90 percent in Idaho and Iowa.

Desertion—including abandonment, absence, and combinations of desertion with other grounds—was alleged in about one out of five cases in the registration States and represented the majority of decrees granted in Maryland (58.5 percent) and Virginia (89.9 percent) as well as more than one-third of the decrees granted in Alabama (41.7 percent).

Only about 6 percent of all decrees were granted for nonsupport or nonsupport combined with cruelty, but divorces granted on this ground represented 78 percent of those that occurred in Kansas.

Less than 2 percent of all divorces were granted for adultery, including infidelity and adultery combined with other grounds, and in only Maryland did these divorces represent more than 10 percent of the State total.

All the remaining legal grounds are listed in the tables under "other grounds," and were alleged in only 4 percent of the cases. The situation was unusual in Alaska, where incompatibility was given as the ground in more than 78 percent of the divorces.

The distribution of divorces and annulments by legal ground for decree depends in part on coding rules. These rules were particularly important for cases where the decree was granted on two or more grounds, but only one ground could be tabulated. The coding rules used for the 1961 data were the same as those used for 1960. They were based on two general principles—

1. Legal grounds in force in only one State or in a small number of States were coded, whenever possible, to a similar ground available for a large number of States. Hence, the grounds of indignities, inhuman treatment, intolerable severities, and grievous mental sufferings were coded to cruelty, and abandonment was coded to desertion.
2. In cases of multiple grounds, a more specific and more structured one was coded in preference to a ground that is more general and more subject to varying interpretations. Hence, adultery was coded when given in combination with any other ground; desertion was coded when given in combination with any other ground, except adultery; and nonsupport was coded when given in combination with cruelty.

As each State uses its own coding system, the distribution shown in table 4-10 in Section 4 may differ from the same distribution published by a State agency. Moreover, in a few cases, the 1961 and 1960 data by legal grounds differ considerably from corresponding figures for earlier years, which were received from the States in tabulated form.

Plaintiff and the party to whom decree was granted

Divorce data for 1961 include information about plaintiffs in suits of divorce or annulment. In the divorce-registration area, the plaintiff was the wife in 72.1 percent of all divorces, the husband in 27.9 percent, and

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another person in only 10 cases (table 4-11). The 1961 percentage distribution of divorces and annulments by plaintiff and by party to whom granted for the registration area are shown below.

	Plaintiff	<i>Party to whom granted</i>
Total -----	100.0	100.0
Husband -----	27.9	25.8
Wife-----	72.1	71.0
Other party -----	0.0	3.3

A comparatively small number of decrees (7,609, or 6.5 percent of the total) was granted by the court to a person or persons other than the plaintiff. The decree was granted to the wife in 7.6 percent of divorces where the husband was plaintiff, and in 1.5 percent of cases where the plaintiff was the wife the decree was granted to the husband. Moreover, 3,892 decrees, or 3.3 percent of the total, were granted to a person other than the husband or wife or to husband and wife jointly; all except 42 such decrees were granted in two States, Alabama and Georgia.

There is some variation among States in the proportion of decrees where wife is plaintiff; the highest proportion of plaintiff wives (80.0 percent) was in Iowa, and the lowest (60.6 percent) occurred in Maryland.

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Table 3-A. Estimated Number of Divorces and Annulments and Rates, With Percent Changes From Preceding Year: United States, 1920-61

(Data refer only to events occurring within the United States. Includes Alaska beginning 1959, and Hawaii, 1960)

YEAR	Number	Percent change in number	Rate per 1,000 total population ¹	Percent change in rate	Rate per 1,000 married female population 15 years of age and over ²	Percent change in rate
1961	414,000	+5.3	2.3	+4.5	9.6	+4.3
1960	393,000	-0.5	2.2	0	9.2	-1.1
1959	395,000	+7.3	2.2	+4.8	9.3	+4.5
1958	368,000	-3.4	2.1	-4.5	8.9	-3.3
1957	381,000	-0.3	2.2	-4.3	9.2	-2.1
1956	382,000	+1.3	2.3	0	9.4	+1.1
1955	377,000	-0.5	2.3	-4.2	9.3	-2.1
1954	379,000	-2.8	2.4	-4.0	9.5	-4.0
1953	390,000	-0.5	2.5	0	9.9	-2.0
1952	392,000	+2.9	2.5	0	10.1	+2.0
1951	381,000	-1.1	2.5	-3.8	9.9	-3.9
1950	385,144	-3.0	2.6	-3.7	10.3	-2.0
1949	397,000	-2.7	2.7	-3.6	10.6	-3.4
1948	408,000	-15.5	2.8	-17.6	11.2	-17.5
1947	483,000	-20.8	3.4	-20.9	13.6	-24.0
1946	610,000	+25.8	4.3	+22.9	17.9	+24.3
1945	485,000	+21.3	3.5	+20.7	14.4	+20.0
1944	400,000	+11.4	2.9	+11.5	12.0	+9.1
1943	359,000	+11.8	2.6	+8.3	11.0	+0.0
1942	321,000	+9.6	2.4	+9.1	10.1	+7.4
1941	293,000	+11.0	2.2	+10.0	9.4	+6.8
1940	264,000	+5.2	2.0	+5.3	8.8	+3.5
1939	251,000	+2.9	1.9	0	8.5	+1.2
1938	244,000	-2.0	1.9	0	8.4	-3.4
1937	249,000	+5.5	1.9	+5.6	8.7	+4.9
1936	238,000	+6.3	1.8	+5.9	8.3	+6.4
1935	218,000	+6.9	1.7	+6.3	7.8	+4.0
1934	204,000	+23.6	1.6	+23.1	7.5	+23.0
1933	165,000	+0.6	1.3	0	6.1	0
1932	164,241	-12.6	1.3	-13.3	6.1	-14.1
1931	188,003	-4.1	1.5	-6.2	7.1	-5.3
1930	195,961	-4.8	1.6	-5.9	7.5	-6.2
1929	205,876	+2.8	1.7	0	8.0	+2.7
1928	200,176	+2.0	1.7	+6.3	7.8	0
1927	196,292	+6.3	1.6	0	7.8	+4.0
1926	184,678	+5.3	1.6	+6.7	7.5	+4.2
1925	175,449	+2.6	1.5	0	7.2	0
1924	170,952	+3.5	1.5	0	7.2	+1.4
1923	165,096	+10.9	1.5	+7.1	7.1	+7.6
1922	148,815	-6.7	1.4	-6.7	6.6	-9.3
1921	159,580	-6.4	1.5	-6.2	7.2	-10.0
1920	170,505	+20.5	1.6	+23.1	8.0	---

¹Population enumerated as of April 1 for 1940, 1950, and 1960 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Populations include Armed Forces overseas for 1941-46.²Population enumerated as of January 1 for 1920 and as of April 1 for 1930, 1940, 1950, and 1960 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years.

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Table 3-B. Reported Number of Divorces and Annulments and Rates: United States, Each Region, Division, and State, 1957-61

(By place of occurrence. Rates per 1,000 population in each area, enumerated as of April 1 for 1960 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years)

REGION, DIVISION, AND STATE	NUMBER					RATE				
	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
UNITED STATES ¹	414,000	393,000	393,000	368,000	381,000	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2
Regions:										
Northeast.....	38,000	² 39,000	39,000	38,000	---	0.8	² 0.9	0.9	0.9	---
North Central.....	114,000	² 108,000	1108,000	¹ 102,000	---	12.2	² 2.1	¹ 2.1	¹ 2.0	---
South.....	160,000	² 152,000	¹ 153,000	---	---	12.8	¹ 2.8	¹ 2.8	---	---
West ¹	102,000	96,000	95,000	89,000	92,000	13.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.7
Northeast:										
New England.....	13,349	² 12,842	12,817	12,371	12,572	1.3	² 1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
Middle Atlantic.....	25,124	26,255	26,028	25,229	---	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	---
North Central:										
East North Central.....	¹ 84,162	¹ 77,639	² 74,408	² 73,662	---	¹ 2.3	¹ 2.1	(³)	(³)	---
West North Central.....	² 29,647	² 28,533	28,755	² 27,001	² 27,121	² 1.9	² 1.9	1.9	² 1.8	² 1.8
South:										
South Atlantic.....	59,264	55,526	² 55,237	² 50,758	---	2.2	² 2.1	² 2.2	² 2.0	---
East South Central.....	² 39,718	² 39,138	² 36,176	---	---	² 3.3	(³)	(³)	---	---
West South Central.....	¹ 57,659	² 55,000	¹ 58,039	---	---	(³)	(³)	(³)	---	---
West:										
Mountain.....	¹ 32,402	² 28,846	¹ 31,275	¹ 30,631	¹ 29,597	14.5	² 4.2	(³)	¹ 4.7	¹ 4.6
Pacific.....	² 69,494	66,395	63,601	¹ 58,155	62,024	² 3.1	3.1	3.2	¹ 3.0	3.3
New England:										
Maine.....	2,027	2,168	1,977	1,884	1,906	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0
New Hampshire.....	1,126	1,119	1,049	991	1,039	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8
Vermont.....	487	463	487	502	526	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
Massachusetts.....	5,836	² 5,592	5,458	5,587	5,523	1.1	² 1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Rhode Island.....	1,040	954	1,049	946	933	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1
Connecticut.....	2,833	2,546	2,897	2,461	2,645	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.2
Middle Atlantic:										
New York.....	6,394	7,235	7,691	8,670	---	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	---
New Jersey.....	5,124	4,591	4,446	4,316	4,665	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Pennsylvania.....	13,606	14,429	13,891	12,243	10,859	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
East North Central:										
Ohio.....	22,429	22,960	22,655	21,555	22,730	2.3	2.4	² 2.4	² 2.3	2.4
Indiana.....	¹ 15,241	¹ 12,794	² 8,228	² 12,949	---	¹ 3.2	¹ 2.7	(⁴)	(⁴)	---
Illinois.....	25,973	21,809	² 22,700	20,719	---	2.6	2.2	² 2.3	2.1	---
Michigan.....	16,219	16,416	16,168	14,040	15,442	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.0
Wisconsin.....	4,300	3,660	4,657	4,499	4,375	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.2
West North Central:										
Minnesota.....	4,227	4,139	3,820	3,881	3,778	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1
Iowa.....	4,777	4,559	4,594	4,299	4,134	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5
Missouri.....	² 11,633	² 11,484	11,824	² 10,747	² 10,861	² 2.7	² 2.7	2.8	² 2.5	² 2.6
North Dakota.....	633	596	590	515	545	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
South Dakota.....	854	794	763	641	622	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9
Nebraska.....	2,373	2,151	2,201	2,129	2,204	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6
Kansas.....	5,150	4,810	4,963	4,789	4,977	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3
South Atlantic:										
Delaware.....	593	693	617	573	682	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.6
Maryland.....	5,296	5,140	5,519	5,040	5,632	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0
District of Columbia.....	1,140	1,142	1,230	1,148	1,911	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	2.5
Virginia.....	7,589	7,368	7,111	6,690	6,675	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7
West Virginia.....	3,837	3,574	² 3,398	² 3,577	---	2.1	1.9	² 1.8	² 1.9	---
North Carolina.....	6,440	6,047	6,369	5,392	---	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	---
South Carolina.....	3,178	3,068	3,034	2,759	2,788	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.2
Georgia.....	9,539	8,940	8,609	7,975	² 8,798	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	² 2.3
Florida.....	21,682	19,554	19,550	17,604	18,744	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.4
East South Central:										
Kentucky.....	27,467	27,528	26,888	---	---	² 2.4	(⁴)	(⁴)	---	---
Tennessee.....	9,323	9,053	9,205	8,908	8,602	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
Alabama.....	17,715	17,320	14,975	12,311	² 10,925	5.3	5.3	4.6	3.8	² 3.4
Mississippi.....	5,213	5,237	5,108	5,016	4,974	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3
West South Central:										
Arkansas.....	25,872	25,377	25,617	24,948	25,500	² 3.3	(⁴)	² 3.2	² 2.8	² 3.1
Louisiana.....	25,142	24,142	23,666	---	---	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	---	---
Oklahoma.....	¹ 11,305	10,749	¹ 13,133	¹ 12,466	¹ 12,233	¹ 4.7	4.6	¹ 5.7	¹ 5.5	¹ 5.4
Texas.....	² 35,340	34,732	35,623	33,678	34,871	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8
Mountain:										
Montana.....	2,034	2,006	2,062	2,023	2,004	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0
Idaho.....	2,685	2,592	2,662	2,372	2,350	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7
Wyoming.....	1,307	1,308	1,220	1,197	1,148	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6
Colorado.....	15,600	4,728	15,900	15,700	15,100	13.0	2.7	¹ 3.4	¹ 3.4	13.0
New Mexico.....	² 3,220	² 2,811	² 2,093	² 2,771	¹ 3,065	² 3.3	² 3.0	(⁴)	² 3.1	² 3.5
Arizona.....	6,973	4,780	16,503	15,910	² 5,328	4.9	3.7	¹ 5.2	¹ 5.0	² 4.8
Utah.....	2,360	2,166	1,336	1,259	1,343	2.5	2.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
Nevada.....	8,223	8,455	9,509	9,409	9,249	25.9	29.6	34.1	35.4	36.0
Pacific:										
Washington.....	29,355	9,341	9,341	¹ 9,003	⁵ 12,764	² 3.2	3.3	3.3	¹ 3.2	⁵ 4.7
Oregon.....	6,023	5,720	6,009	5,452	5,261	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.0
California.....	51,644	49,276	47,572	43,700	43,989	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1
Alaska.....	816	788	679	(560)	(652)	3.9	3.5	3.1	(2.6)	(2.4)
Hawaii.....	1,556	1,270	(1,378)	(1,228)	(1,182)	2.4	2.0	(2.2)	(2.0)	(2.0)

¹Data are estimated.²Data are incomplete.³Rate is not computed because reporting less than 90 percent complete in one or more States in the division.⁴Rate is not computed because reporting less than 90 percent complete.⁵Actions filed.

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Table 3-C. Reported Annulments: United States, Each Region, Division, and State, 1957-61

(By place of occurrence)

REGION, DIVISION, AND STATE	NUMBER					PERCENT OF TOTAL DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS				
	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
UNITED STATES-----	¹ 11,520	¹ 11,181	¹ 12,605	¹ 12,541	¹ 8,231	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Regions:										
Northeast-----	¹ 2,757	---	¹ 3,358	³ 3,890	---	(²)	---	(²)	10.3	---
North Central-----	¹ 1,051	¹ 939	¹ 877	¹ 999	---	(²)	(²)	(²)	11.0	---
South-----	---	---	¹ 2,046	---	---	---	---	¹ 11.4	---	---
West-----	¹ 6,507	---	¹ 6,322	³ 5,975	---	(²)	---	(²)	³ 6.7	---
Northeast:										
New England-----	165	---	200	209	---	1.2	---	1.5	1.7	---
Middle Atlantic-----	¹ 2,592	---	¹ 3,158	³ 3,671	---	(²)	---	(²)	14.6	---
North Central:										
East North Central-----	¹ 743	¹ 637	¹ 551	¹ 661	---	(²)	(²)	(²)	¹ 0.9	---
West North Central-----	¹ 308	¹ 302	326	¹ 338	¹ 296	¹ 1.0	¹ 1.1	1.1	¹ 1.3	¹ 1.1
South:										
South Atlantic-----	694	730	¹ 735	¹ 801	---	1.2	1.3	¹ 1.3	¹ 1.6	---
East South Central-----	---	¹ 297	¹ 289	---	---	---	10.8	¹ 0.8	---	---
West South Central-----	---	---	³ 1,024	---	---	---	---	³ 1.8	---	---
West:										
Mountain-----	¹ 604	---	¹ 594	¹ 595	---	(²)	---	(²)	(²)	---
Pacific-----	¹ 5,903	5,715	¹ 5,728	³ 5,380	5,254	¹ 8.5	8.6	¹ 9.0	(²) ³ 9.3	8.5
New England:										
Maine-----	6	15	17	11	16	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.8
New Hampshire-----	20	16	22	32	28	1.8	1.4	2.1	3.2	2.7
Vermont-----	4	1	4	3	3	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.6
Massachusetts-----	103	---	116	129	120	1.8	---	2.1	2.3	2.2
Rhode Island-----	-	-	11	8	---	0	0	1.0	0.8	---
Connecticut-----	32	35	30	26	23	1.1	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.9
Middle Atlantic:										
New York-----	¹ 2,310	¹ 2,569	¹ 2,905	³ 4,417	---	(²)	(²)	(²)	39.4	---
New Jersey-----	212	182	181	187	176	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.8
Pennsylvania-----	70	---	72	67	51	0.5	---	0.5	0.5	0.5
East North Central:										
Ohio-----	64	65	67	40	52	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Indiana-----	¹ 45	³ 34	¹ 69	¹ 152	---	(²)	³ 0.3	(²)	¹ 1.2	---
Illinois-----	261	218	¹ 134	151	---	1.0	1.0	(²)	0.7	---
Michigan-----	215	¹ 197	162	189	198	1.3	(²)	1.0	1.3	¹ 1.3
Wisconsin-----	158	123	119	129	169	3.7	3.4	2.6	2.9	3.9
West North Central:										
Minnesota-----	52	53	59	58	46	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.2
Iowa-----	46	41	45	58	43	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.0
Missouri-----	¹ 64	¹ 68	50	¹ 55	¹ 65	10.6	10.6	0.4	¹ 0.5	¹ 0.6
North Dakota-----	12	13	9	14	13	1.9	2.2	1.5	2.7	2.4
South Dakota-----	14	20	12	19	10	1.6	2.5	1.6	3.0	1.6
Nebraska-----	62	53	77	67	74	2.6	2.5	3.5	3.1	3.4
Kansas-----	58	54	74	67	45	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.4	0.9
South Atlantic:										
Delaware-----	6	8	10	13	11	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.3	1.6
Maryland-----	93	107	94	96	111	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.9	2.0
District of Columbia-----	39	34	33	28	32	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.4	4.3
Virginia-----	108	148	154	146	160	1.4	2.0	1.2	2.2	2.4
West Virginia-----	55	53	¹ 42	¹ 63	---	1.4	1.5	¹ 1.2	¹ 1.8	---
North Carolina-----	85	69	98	91	---	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.7	---
South Carolina-----	81	96	69	125	---	2.5	3.1	2.3	4.5	4.2
Georgia-----	38	30	46	53	¹ 47	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	¹ 0.5
Florida-----	190	185	187	186	167	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9
East South Central:										
Kentucky-----	---	¹ 68	¹ 53	---	---	---	10.9	10.8	---	---
Tennessee-----	57	47	53	¹ 62	46	0.6	0.5	0.6	10.7	0.5
Alabama-----	194	170	158	83	74	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.7	10.7
Mississippi-----	24	12	25	32	25	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5
West South Central:										
Arkansas-----	¹ 54	---	¹ 65	67	¹ 68	10.9	---	11.2	1.4	¹ 1.2
Louisiana-----	¹ 26	¹ 50	¹ 40	---	---	10.5	11.2	11.1	---	---
Oklahoma-----	³ 156	166	³ 230	³ 224	³ 200	³ 1.4	1.5	³ 1.8	³ 1.8	³ 1.6
Texas-----	---	---	689	¹ 418	¹ 274	---	---	1.9	(²)	(²)
Mountain:										
Montana-----	112	126	131	133	118	5.5	6.3	6.4	6.6	5.9
Idaho-----	37	31	38	25	20	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.8
Wyoming-----	14	15	9	16	12	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.0
Colorado-----	¹ 175	104	¹ 230	¹ 229	¹ 197	(²)	2.2	(²)	(²)	(²)
New Mexico-----	¹ 32	¹ 46	¹ 35	¹ 10	---	¹ 1.0	¹ 1.6	¹ 1.7	¹ 0.4	---
Arizona-----	123	111	¹ 42	¹ 49	¹ 63	1.8	2.3	(²)	¹ 0.4	---
Utah-----	87	---	43	39	53	3.7	---	3.2	3.1	¹ 1.2
Nevada-----	24	33	66	94	---	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.0	---
Pacific:										
Washington-----	¹ 82	88	98	³ 119	65	10.9	0.9	1.0	³ 1.3	0.5
Oregon-----	143	122	166	154	126	2.4	2.1	2.8	2.8	2.4
California-----	5,643	5,466	¹ 5,460	5,107	5,063	10.9	11.1	¹ 11.5	11.7	11.5
Alaska-----	9	10	4	(⁸)	(⁷)	1.0	1.3	0.6	(1.4)	(1.3)
Hawaii-----	26	29	(17)	(14)	(12)	1.7	(2.3)	(1.2)	(1.1)	(1.0)

¹Data are incomplete.²Percent is not computed.³Data are estimated.

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Table 3-D. Median Ages of Divorced Husband and Wife at Time of Decree and at Time of Marriage: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see tables 4-3 and 4-4, Section 4. Excludes "not stated")

AREA	MEDIAN AGE OF HUSBAND		MEDIAN AGE OF WIFE		Percent age of husband not stated at time of decree ¹
	At time of decree	At time of marriage	At time of decree	At time of marriage	
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	34.0	23.8	30.8	20.6	36.6
Alabama-----	31.9	20.8	26.7	18.1	97.2
Alaska-----	34.2	28.6	29.7	24.9	56.8
Georgia-----	33.6	23.6	30.4	20.2	62.5
Hawaii-----	34.9	24.9	31.4	22.9	3.0
Idaho-----	33.5	24.3	29.6	21.0	27.2
Iowa-----	33.2	24.0	29.5	21.2	0.4
Kansas-----	33.7	23.9	30.4	21.4	25.7
Maryland-----	34.4	23.5	32.0	20.1	34.3
Michigan-----	33.2	23.6	30.0	20.2	33.7
Missouri-----	35.1	24.3	31.4	20.6	3.5
Montana-----	34.0	24.8	30.8	21.9	49.7
Nebraska-----	34.0	23.7	30.9	19.5	56.6
Oregon-----	35.9	24.7	33.4	23.0	35.8
Pennsylvania-----	34.9	23.6	31.9	20.6	17.6
South Dakota-----	34.3	25.0	28.6	19.6	90.2
Tennessee-----	32.4	23.6	28.8	19.9	3.6
Utah-----	31.9	23.5	28.5	19.8	28.3
Virginia-----	34.0	23.3	31.1	19.9	31.8
Wisconsin-----	35.3	24.0	32.2	21.4	1.4
Wyoming-----	33.3	24.0	28.9	19.4	92.6

¹For number of cases of age not stated at time of decree and at time of marriage for husband and for wife, see tables 4-3 and 4-4, Section 4.

Table 3-E. Percentage Distribution of Divorces and Annulments by Duration of Marriage: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 4-7, Section 4. Computed on totals excluding figures for duration of marriage not stated)

AREA	Total	DURATION OF MARRIAGE														
		Under 1 year	1-4 years					5-9 years					10-14 years	15-19 years	20 years and over	
			Total	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	Total	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years				9 years
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	100.0	5.6	32.4	9.4	8.0	7.7	7.3	24.7	6.1	5.6	4.9	4.0	4.0	15.5	9.7	12.2
Alabama-----	100.0	6.4	31.7	10.4	7.5	7.5	6.4	23.7	6.3	4.1	5.0	4.1	4.2	15.7	8.6	13.9
Alaska-----	100.0	6.0	35.7	9.4	8.6	8.1	9.5	25.8	6.8	5.0	5.3	3.4	5.3	16.8	8.5	7.2
Georgia-----	100.0	7.2	34.3	10.6	7.6	9.0	7.1	21.8	6.0	4.1	4.4	3.9	3.4	15.5	9.1	12.0
Hawaii-----	100.0	7.1	35.1	7.9	11.3	7.6	8.4	24.2	6.7	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.9	16.7	8.6	8.2
Idaho-----	100.0	11.5	40.6	14.2	9.8	9.3	7.3	19.2	5.0	4.3	3.7	3.9	2.4	12.6	7.5	8.6
Iowa-----	100.0	9.2	38.5	11.0	9.4	10.0	8.1	19.8	4.6	5.4	2.3	4.0	3.5	15.4	7.7	9.4
Kansas-----	100.0	7.8	31.6	9.5	8.3	7.0	6.8	28.9	7.6	6.4	6.6	4.1	4.3	13.4	8.7	9.7
Maryland-----	100.0	1.1	22.2	2.8	5.5	7.3	6.7	28.9	7.3	6.0	5.7	5.7	4.1	21.6	12.2	14.0
Michigan-----	100.0	4.3	28.8	8.1	7.6	6.1	7.1	26.1	7.3	6.3	5.0	3.7	3.7	17.4	11.1	12.3
Missouri-----	100.0	6.8	34.8	10.7	7.7	8.2	8.2	25.2	4.7	5.9	5.8	4.7	4.0	12.4	8.7	12.1
Montana-----	100.0	9.1	40.0	12.5	9.4	10.1	8.1	21.2	5.9	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.1	13.1	7.4	9.2
Nebraska-----	100.0	6.6	34.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	6.6	23.6	6.5	5.6	4.2	3.0	4.2	15.4	8.7	11.5
Oregon-----	100.0	6.2	36.8	11.3	9.9	9.1	6.6	22.7	4.7	6.1	5.2	3.7	3.0	13.9	8.4	11.9
Pennsylvania-----	100.0	2.4	28.3	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	26.2	6.0	6.2	4.3	4.6	5.1	16.7	12.6	13.8
South Dakota-----	100.0	7.5	34.9	11.0	9.0	8.1	6.6	23.5	6.0	5.5	5.3	3.5	3.2	15.1	8.5	10.6
Tennessee-----	100.0	7.3	35.9	11.2	9.1	7.6	8.0	25.5	6.3	6.7	5.4	3.7	3.5	13.4	7.6	10.4
Utah-----	100.0	7.6	41.2	12.4	12.9	8.8	7.1	24.4	7.3	6.1	3.7	3.8	3.4	11.7	7.6	7.6
Virginia-----	100.0	0.7	29.8	7.2	6.6	7.0	9.0	25.7	6.1	6.4	4.9	3.7	4.6	17.9	12.5	13.5
Wisconsin-----	100.0	4.2	28.3	7.3	6.1	7.3	7.7	24.1	5.4	5.6	5.4	2.6	5.2	16.6	10.8	15.9
Wyoming-----	100.0	11.1	40.6	12.1	11.5	8.8	8.1	21.8	5.4	5.4	5.2	2.8	3.1	10.0	7.2	9.4

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Table 3-F. Median Duration of Marriage (in Years) Prior to Divorce or Annulment, by Number of Children Reported: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see tables 4-7 and 4-9, Section 4. Medians for "all divorces and annulments" computed on data by single years; those for divorces and annulments by number of children reported computed on grouped data. Computed on figures excluding those for duration of marriage not stated)

AREA	MEDIAN DURATION OF MARRIAGE IN YEARS				
	All divorces and annulments ¹	No children	1 child	2 children	3 children or more
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	7.1	4.7	5.9	8.9	12.1
Alabama-----	7.3	4.6	6.4	8.5	12.8
Alaska-----	6.3	4.4	5.5	8.1	11.2
Georgia-----	6.6	4.0	6.4	9.4	12.4
Hawaii-----	6.3	4.3	4.5	6.3	9.7
Idaho-----	4.7	2.8	3.7	7.0	11.5
Iowa-----	5.5	3.5	3.5	8.6	11.2
Kansas-----	6.5	4.1	5.1	8.8	11.2
Maryland-----	9.4	8.9	8.7	9.9	12.1
Michigan-----	7.6	5.3	7.4	9.6	12.3
Missouri-----	6.6	4.9	4.8	7.6	12.1
Montana-----	5.2	3.0	3.7	7.7	11.2
Nebraska-----	6.5	4.3	4.9	8.6	11.2
Oregon-----	6.4	4.1	5.5	8.5	11.5
Pennsylvania-----	8.6	7.2	6.9	9.8	13.0
South Dakota-----	6.3	3.6	3.9	8.4	10.9
Tennessee-----	6.1	3.9	5.1	8.2	13.5
Utah-----	5.2	3.0	3.5	7.9	9.4
Virginia-----	8.6	6.8	7.6	10.9	13.3
Wisconsin-----	8.4	6.9	6.4	8.8	11.8
Wyoming-----	4.8	2.8	3.9	7.3	10.1

¹Includes number of children not stated.

Table 3-G. Percentage Distribution of Divorces and Annulments by Number of Children Reported: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data; for frequencies, see table 4-8, Section 4. Data relate to children under 18 years of age except as noted. Computed on totals excluding figures for number of children not stated)

AREA	Total	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPORTED					
		None	1	2	3	4	5 or more
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	100.0	39.7	25.1	18.6	9.3	4.6	2.7
Alabama ¹ -----	100.0	37.2	25.8	19.4	10.5	4.5	2.6
Alaska ² -----	100.0	46.1	19.3	18.7	8.6	4.2	3.2
Georgia ³ -----	100.0	42.6	25.6	16.3	9.0	4.0	2.5
Hawaii ³ -----	100.0	26.0	20.9	22.7	14.5	8.4	7.5
Idaho ⁴ -----	100.0	42.5	24.0	15.8	10.0	5.3	2.4
Iowa ⁵ -----	100.0	32.7	26.5	20.9	10.9	4.9	4.0
Kansas ⁵ -----	100.0	37.9	23.7	17.7	10.7	6.6	3.3
Maryland-----	100.0	41.4	27.6	21.0	6.3	1.6	2.1
Michigan-----	100.0	41.8	23.9	17.5	8.6	4.9	3.3
Missouri ⁵ -----	100.0	47.1	24.4	13.9	8.1	3.7	2.8
Montana-----	100.0	39.0	21.3	18.8	11.9	5.3	3.7
Nebraska ⁴ -----	100.0	37.6	25.9	17.2	9.6	5.4	4.3
Oregon-----	100.0	41.2	25.0	16.8	11.4	4.4	1.2
Pennsylvania-----	100.0	31.6	27.5	27.7	8.3	4.3	0.5
South Dakota-----	100.0	36.6	20.3	20.2	11.5	6.2	5.2
Tennessee ⁶ -----	100.0	44.9	23.0	17.3	7.2	4.8	2.8
Utah-----	100.0	32.5	25.3	17.8	12.8	7.5	4.2
Virginia ¹ -----	100.0	40.1	29.0	16.6	8.7	3.9	2.6
Wisconsin-----	100.0	35.9	24.6	18.3	11.6	5.8	3.3
Wyoming-----	100.0	39.9	25.2	17.4	10.7	4.7	2.0

¹Number of minor children affected.²Number of children under 21 affected.³Number of minor children.⁴Number of children affected by decree.⁵Number of children.⁶Number of children under 18 of this marriage.

Table 3-H. Estimated Number of Children Involved in Divorces and Annulments: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Data relate to children under 18 years of age except as noted. Estimated from frequencies based on sample shown in table 4-8, Section 4. For method of estimating, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	Estimated number of children involved	Ratio of children to total decrees
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-	125,128	155,400	1.24
Alabama ¹	17,700	22,800	1.29
Alaska ²	916	1,100	1.20
Georgia	9,540	11,000	1.15
Hawaii ³	1,554	2,900	1.87
Idaho ⁴	2,684	3,200	1.19
Iowa	4,800	6,800	1.44
Kansas ⁵	5,170	7,000	1.35
Maryland	5,300	5,700	1.08
Michigan	16,120	19,700	1.22
Missouri ⁵	11,560	12,400	1.07
Montana	2,034	2,800	1.38
Nebraska ⁶	2,370	3,200	1.35
Oregon	6,000	7,000	1.17
Pennsylvania	13,620	17,400	1.28
South Dakota	854	1,300	1.52
Tennessee ⁶	9,380	10,800	1.15
Utah	2,360	3,600	1.53
Virginia ⁷	7,580	8,900	1.17
Wisconsin	4,280	6,000	1.40
Wyoming	1,306	1,700	1.30

- ¹Number of minor children affected.
²Number of children under 21 affected.
³Number of minor children.
⁴Number of children affected by decree.
⁵Number of children.
⁶Number of children under 18 of this marriage.

Table 3-J. Estimated Number of Children Involved in Divorces and Annulments: United States, 1953-61

(Data refer only to events occurring within the United States. For 1960 and 1961, estimated from frequencies based on sample; for other years, estimated from total counts. For method of estimating, see Technical Appendix)

YEAR	All divorces and annulments	Estimated number of children involved	Ratio of children to total decrees
1961-----	414,000	501,000	1.21
1960-----	393,000	463,000	1.18
1959-----	395,000	468,000	1.18
1958-----	368,000	398,000	1.08
1957-----	381,000	379,000	0.99
1956-----	382,000	361,000	0.95
1955-----	377,000	347,000	0.92
1954-----	379,000	341,000	0.90
1953-----	390,000	330,000	0.85

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Sampling Variability of the Divorce Statistics

The following statement is essential to understanding the limitations and uses of the small numbers in the tables which present statistics based on data from probability samples of marriage records. The headnote to each such table includes "Based on sample data."

Sampling errors for statistics from the divorce-registration area and each registration State are shown in table 7-8 in the Technical Appendix. In order to reflect more clearly the general patterns of relationships and to retain the convenience of numbers which add to marginal totals, data tables contain some individual small numbers which convey very limited information because the sampling error is so large. It is suggested that for any number less than those shown in the column "Minimum useful statistic" the interpretation be simply "small" rather than any more precise value.

	<i>Minimum useful statistic</i>		<i>Minimum useful statistic</i>
Divorce-registration area-----	140	Missouri-----	200
Alabama-----	200	Montana-----	15
Alaska-----	10	Nebraska-----	15
Georgia-----	100	Ohio-----	200
Hawaii-----	15	Oregon-----	100
Idaho-----	15	Pennsylvania-----	200
Iowa-----	100	South Dakota-----	10
Kansas-----	100	Tennessee-----	200
Maryland-----	100	Utah-----	15
Michigan-----	200	Virginia-----	100
		Wyoming-----	15
		Virgin Islands-----	10

The rule for selection of these minimum useful statistics is based on an argument that for statistics as small as 1 percent of the total for a State, a relative error of up to about 60 percent can be tolerated with 95 percent confidence. This is a "central tendency rule" and there will, of course, be some deviation from it. Further, the figure of 10 observations rather than, say, 12 is shown because of somewhat greater convenience in presenting and interpreting the minimum useful number.

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Table 4-1 Divorces and Annulments in State Where Decree Was Granted Distributed by Place Where Marriage Was Performed: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

STATE WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED	All divorces and annulments	PLACE WHERE MARRIAGE WAS PERFORMED		
		In same State	In other area	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA--	125,128	63,103	43,062	18,963
Alabama-----	17,700	3,560	2,260	11,880
Alaska-----	916	405	504	7
Georgia-----	9,540	3,840	1,270	4,430
Hawaii-----	1,554	1,106	448	-
Idaho-----	2,684	1,288	1,224	172
Iowa-----	4,800	2,810	1,930	60
Kansas-----	5,170	2,820	2,290	60
Maryland-----	5,300	3,020	1,340	940
Michigan-----	16,120	10,700	5,300	120
Missouri-----	11,560	6,640	4,700	220
Montana-----	2,034	1,364	660	10
Nebraska-----	2,370	1,406	934	30
Oregon-----	6,000	2,190	3,700	110
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	8,800	4,700	120
South Dakota-----	854	488	352	14
Tennessee-----	9,380	4,320	4,900	160
Utah-----	2,360	870	900	590
Virginia-----	7,580	4,190	3,360	10
Wisconsin-----	4,280	2,680	1,590	10
Wyoming-----	1,306	606	680	20

Table 4-2. Divorces and Annulments by Resident Status of Defendant Husband and Wife in State Where Decree Was Granted: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

STATE WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED	All divorces and annulments	RESIDENT STATUS OF DEFENDANT HUSBAND					RESIDENT STATUS OF DEFENDANT WIFE					Total, other and not stated
		Total defendant husbands	Resident of State where decree was granted	Resident of other State in same region	Not resident of any State in region	Residence not stated	Total defendant wives	Resident of State where decree was granted	Resident of other State in same region	Not resident of any State in region	Residence not stated	
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA--	125,128	87,357	56,266	4,412	4,691	21,988	33,856	18,396	2,822	3,076	9,562	3,915
Alabama-----	17,700	12,060	6,440	360	300	4,960	5,640	2,460	280	300	2,600	-
Alaska-----	916	573	177	25	9	362	343	74	24	18	227	-
Georgia-----	9,540	6,140	3,350	360	300	2,130	3,140	1,410	270	160	1,300	260
Hawaii-----	1,554	1,108	914	76	94	24	446	314	40	76	16	-
Idaho-----	2,684	1,876	1,228	280	130	238	714	334	214	74	92	94
Iowa-----	4,800	3,840	3,290	200	190	160	960	720	100	90	50	-
Kansas-----	5,170	3,880	---	---	---	3,880	1,250	---	---	---	1,250	40
Maryland-----	5,300	2,630	1,840	280	250	260	1,710	1,230	220	200	60	960
Michigan-----	16,120	10,780	4,740	100	200	5,740	3,820	1,560	40	140	2,080	1,520
Missouri-----	11,560	9,000	7,540	440	600	420	2,400	1,540	260	360	240	160
Montana-----	2,034	1,520	1,108	116	54	242	512	318	54	52	88	2
Nebraska-----	2,370	1,828	1,516	62	152	98	538	382	42	92	22	4
Oregon-----	6,000	4,630	3,050	360	130	1,090	1,340	770	150	60	360	30
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	9,200	7,820	400	840	140	4,320	3,200	420	600	100	100
South Dakota-----	854	656	537	33	68	18	197	140	18	38	3	1
Tennessee-----	9,380	7,120	5,460	440	680	540	2,180	1,360	220	320	280	80
Utah-----	2,360	1,364	1,070	106	70	118	352	248	38	36	30	644
Virginia-----	7,580	4,910	3,010	560	490	850	2,670	1,440	390	360	480	-
Wisconsin-----	4,280	3,280	2,830	180	110	160	980	820	30	80	50	20
Wyoming-----	1,306	962	346	34	24	558	344	76	12	22	234	-

¹Kansas did not require reporting of residence.

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Table 4-3. Divorces and Annulments by Age of Husband and of Wife at Time of Decree: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	AGE AT TIME OF DECREE										Not stated
		Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years	60 years and over	
		HUSBAND										
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	125,128	13,835	15,059	13,538	11,304	8,904	6,460	4,614	2,619	2,969	45,826	
Alabama-----	17,700	180	40	80	100	20	20	-	40	20	17,200	
Alaska-----	916	65	71	76	56	44	37	24	15	10	520	
Georgia-----	9,540	690	700	560	540	440	230	140	70	210	5,920	
Hawaii-----	1,554	214	272	276	242	192	140	94	52	26	46	
Idaho-----	2,684	458	358	260	264	206	170	126	62	70	730	
Iowa-----	4,800	1,010	850	840	680	420	350	320	170	140	20	
Kansas-----	5,170	650	810	620	550	420	330	170	130	160	1,320	
Maryland-----	5,500	510	580	740	520	410	350	210	80	80	1,820	
Michigan-----	16,120	1,980	1,940	2,220	1,420	1,380	880	480	140	240	5,440	
Missouri-----	11,560	2,000	1,940	1,620	1,680	1,100	860	940	420	600	400	
Montana-----	2,034	178	192	176	146	118	94	46	36	38	1,010	
Nebraska-----	2,370	216	168	164	132	92	76	66	46	69	1,542	
Oregon-----	6,000	570	590	660	590	510	420	260	150	120	2,150	
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	1,600	2,120	1,940	1,780	1,400	900	640	460	390	2,400	
South Dakota-----	854	18	12	14	10	4	7	8	4	7	770	
Tennessee-----	9,380	1,640	2,120	1,580	880	920	700	480	340	380	340	
Utah-----	2,380	396	342	284	208	158	118	64	44	78	688	
Virginia-----	7,580	860	1,170	700	930	560	400	210	170	170	2,410	
Wisconsin-----	4,280	580	790	710	560	500	370	330	210	170	60	
Wyoming-----	1,506	22	14	18	16	10	8	6	-	2	1,216	
		WIFE										
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	125,128	5,940	17,960	14,051	12,112	10,419	7,967	5,156	3,010	2,933	45,580	
Alabama-----	17,700	140	120	60	80	80	-	60	20	-	17,140	
Alaska-----	916	36	101	68	60	42	39	26	18	11	515	
Georgia-----	9,540	360	830	540	490	450	420	160	130	150	6,010	
Hawaii-----	1,554	50	324	236	304	230	148	78	40	42	42	
Idaho-----	2,684	214	496	290	250	234	188	126	76	84	726	
Iowa-----	4,800	420	1,310	720	760	450	480	320	180	120	40	
Kansas-----	5,170	340	840	690	520	460	350	320	150	160	1,340	
Maryland-----	5,500	220	710	500	740	520	310	250	120	80	1,820	
Michigan-----	16,120	640	2,520	2,240	1,660	1,500	860	740	420	180	5,360	
Missouri-----	11,560	900	2,620	1,660	1,540	1,400	1,340	780	420	560	360	
Montana-----	2,034	78	236	168	154	156	96	62	32	32	1,020	
Nebraska-----	2,370	120	204	154	146	112	80	62	42	66	1,364	
Oregon-----	6,000	180	820	590	510	670	510	270	170	150	2,150	
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	480	2,140	2,260	1,760	1,520	1,400	600	480	490	2,590	
South Dakota-----	854	10	21	9	8	7	6	6	4	4	770	
Tennessee-----	9,380	1,020	2,080	1,820	1,260	1,000	660	560	260	340	390	
Utah-----	2,380	164	470	298	214	190	148	82	46	70	678	
Virginia-----	7,580	330	1,190	1,020	890	860	540	290	170	190	2,160	
Wisconsin-----	4,280	220	910	650	760	520	360	360	230	210	40	
Wyoming-----	1,506	18	18	16	6	16	12	4	2	4	1,206	

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Table 4-4. Divorces and Annulments by Age of Husband and of Wife at Marriage: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	AGE AT MARRIAGE							
		Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over	Not stated	
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----		125,128	15,308	31,521	13,177	7,088	4,198	7,512	46,344
HUSBAND									
Alabama-----	17,700	220	200	-	40	40	-	17,200	
Alaska-----	916	24	127	65	54	48	78	520	
Georgia-----	9,540	760	1,380	520	420	140	310	6,010	
Hawaii-----	1,554	170	594	314	168	102	160	46	
Idaho-----	2,684	374	690	298	188	116	276	742	
Iowa-----	4,800	670	1,910	790	460	230	520	20	
Kansas-----	5,170	710	1,550	540	350	260	420	1,340	
Maryland-----	5,300	670	1,520	620	240	180	220	1,850	
Michigan-----	16,120	2,060	4,520	1,920	860	420	900	5,440	
Missouri-----	11,560	2,280	3,800	1,560	1,160	680	1,420	460	
Montana-----	2,034	142	382	166	114	68	132	1,010	
Nebraska-----	2,370	210	412	196	64	36	110	1,342	
Oregon-----	6,000	580	1,400	610	330	400	480	2,200	
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	2,000	4,900	2,040	940	420	740	2,580	
South Dakota-----	854	16	26	18	8	4	12	770	
Tennessee-----	9,380	2,020	3,440	1,380	760	380	980	420	
Utah-----	2,360	392	622	266	134	82	170	694	
Virginia-----	7,580	1,180	2,140	1,000	440	190	210	2,420	
Wisconsin-----	4,280	620	1,860	840	320	200	370	70	
Wyoming-----	1,306	10	48	14	18	2	4	1,210	
WIFE									
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----		125,128	37,490	21,018	7,959	4,608	2,982	4,967	46,104
Alabama-----	17,700	420	60	40	20	-	20	17,140	
Alaska-----	916	141	87	47	35	36	55	515	
Georgia-----	9,540	1,710	820	370	210	170	210	6,050	
Hawaii-----	1,554	522	498	234	108	86	74	42	
Idaho-----	2,684	698	434	200	132	86	196	738	
Iowa-----	4,800	2,080	1,500	420	220	200	340	40	
Kansas-----	5,170	1,670	1,050	320	270	190	320	1,350	
Maryland-----	5,300	1,690	980	400	160	60	130	1,880	
Michigan-----	16,120	5,300	2,980	1,020	480	320	660	5,360	
Missouri-----	11,560	5,320	2,440	1,060	820	560	920	440	
Montana-----	2,034	424	250	124	90	40	86	1,020	
Nebraska-----	2,370	552	216	78	46	40	74	1,364	
Oregon-----	6,000	1,500	990	330	370	250	380	2,180	
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	5,180	3,260	1,140	560	300	500	2,680	
South Dakota-----	854	41	15	8	1	2	8	779	
Tennessee-----	9,380	4,520	2,120	1,060	420	360	440	460	
Utah-----	2,360	856	374	142	90	58	140	700	
Virginia-----	7,580	2,800	1,490	600	320	130	130	2,110	
Wisconsin-----	4,280	1,810	1,450	350	250	90	280	50	
Wyoming-----	1,306	56	14	16	6	4	4	1,206	

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Table 4-5. Divorces and Annulments by Color of Husband and of Wife: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	HUSBAND			WIFE		
		White	Nonwhite	Color not stated	White	Nonwhite	Color not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	125,128	78,150	9,728	37,250	78,125	9,916	37,087
Alabama-----	17,700	4,080	720	12,900	4,040	740	12,500
Alaska-----	916	393	62	461	360	96	460
Georgia-----	9,540	4,090	950	4,500	4,030	940	4,570
Hawaii-----	1,554	718	832	4	608	946	-
Idaho-----	2,684	2,118	30	536	2,200	30	424
Iowa-----	4,800	4,690	100	10	4,680	100	20
Kansas-----	5,170	3,640	320	1,210	3,620	320	1,210
Maryland-----	5,300	3,090	520	1,690	3,090	510	1,700
Michigan-----	16,120	8,560	720	6,840	8,680	720	6,720
Missouri-----	11,560	9,780	1,420	360	9,840	1,440	260
Montana-----	2,034	1,712	40	282	1,716	38	290
Nebraska-----	2,370	1,004	10	1,356	1,010	8	1,352
Oregon-----	6,000	4,050	120	1,830	3,990	120	1,890
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	10,000	800	2,820	9,980	820	2,820
South Dakota-----	854	213	18	623	209	20	625
Tennessee-----	9,380	7,900	1,340	140	7,880	1,340	160
Utah-----	2,360	1,716	36	608	1,710	40	610
Virginia-----	7,580	6,100	1,460	20	6,120	1,440	20
Wisconsin-----	4,280	4,040	220	20	4,060	220	-
Wyoming-----	1,306	256	10	1,040	262	8	1,026

Table 4-6. Divorces and Annulments by Marriage Order of Husband and of Wife at Time of Decree: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	MARRIAGE ORDER OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF DECREE			MARRIAGE ORDER OF WIFE AT TIME OF DECREE		
		First marriage	Remarriage	Not stated	First marriage	Remarriage	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	125,128	52,708	18,925	53,495	52,548	19,455	53,125
Alabama-----	17,700	400	140	17,160	400	120	17,160
Alaska-----	916	239	192	485	225	208	493
Georgia-----	9,540	2,900	1,000	5,740	2,800	920	5,740
Hawaii-----	1,554	1,136	418	-	1,092	458	4
Idaho-----	2,684	1,256	722	706	1,190	810	684
Iowa-----	4,800	2,930	1,870	-	2,880	1,910	10
Kansas-----	5,170	2,640	1,220	1,310	2,640	1,230	1,300
Maryland-----	5,300	2,640	680	1,980	2,540	770	1,970
Michigan-----	16,120	7,960	2,100	6,060	7,820	2,400	5,900
Missouri-----	11,560	8,440	2,860	260	8,460	2,820	280
Montana-----	2,034	788	326	920	748	390	896
Nebraska ¹ -----	2,370	-	-	2,370	-	-	2,370
Oregon-----	6,000	2,380	1,410	2,210	2,700	1,550	2,190
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	8,440	1,680	3,500	8,740	1,500	3,390
South Dakota-----	854	75	27	752	69	29	756
Tennessee-----	9,380	6,220	2,780	380	6,180	2,840	360
Utah-----	2,360	1,144	576	640	1,186	532	642
Virginia ¹ -----	7,580	-	-	7,580	-	-	7,580
Wisconsin-----	4,280	3,140	890	250	3,200	830	190
Wyoming-----	1,306	80	34	1,192	78	38	1,190

¹This State did not require reporting of this information.

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Table 4-7. Divorces and Annulments by Duration of Marriage: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	DURATION OF MARRIAGE													
		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years	9 years	10-14 years	15-19 years	20 years and over	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	125,123	6,799	11,334	9,657	9,319	8,902	7,387	6,793	5,953	4,867	4,863	18,770	11,727	14,758	3,999
Alabama-----	17,700	1,120	1,820	1,320	1,320	1,120	1,100	720	880	720	740	2,760	1,520	2,440	120
Alaska-----	916	55	86	78	74	87	62	46	48	31	48	153	77	66	5
Georgia-----	9,540	570	840	600	710	560	470	320	350	310	270	1,220	720	950	1,650
Hawaii-----	1,554	110	122	176	118	130	104	62	64	70	76	260	134	128	-
Idaho-----	2,684	292	362	250	236	186	126	110	94	98	60	320	190	220	140
Iowa-----	4,800	440	530	450	480	390	220	260	110	180	170	740	370	450	-
Kansas-----	5,170	400	490	430	360	350	390	330	340	210	220	690	450	500	10
Maryland-----	5,300	50	120	240	320	290	320	280	250	250	180	940	530	610	940
Michigan-----	16,120	700	1,300	1,220	980	1,140	1,180	1,020	800	600	600	2,800	1,780	1,980	20
Missouri-----	11,560	780	1,220	880	940	940	540	680	660	540	460	1,420	1,000	1,380	120
Montana-----	2,034	184	254	190	204	164	120	88	88	72	62	266	150	186	6
Nebraska-----	2,370	156	218	218	156	154	132	100	72	100	100	364	206	272	4
Oregon-----	6,000	370	670	590	540	390	280	360	310	220	180	830	500	710	50
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	320	940	960	940	960	800	840	580	620	680	2,240	1,700	1,860	180
South Dakota-----	854	64	94	77	69	57	51	47	45	30	27	129	72	90	2
Tennessee-----	9,380	680	1,040	840	700	740	580	620	500	340	320	1,240	700	960	120
Utah-----	2,360	134	220	228	156	126	130	108	66	68	60	208	134	134	588
Virginia-----	7,580	50	540	500	530	680	460	480	370	280	350	1,350	940	1,020	30
Wisconsin-----	4,280	180	310	260	310	330	230	240	230	110	220	710	460	680	10
Wyoming-----	1,306	144	158	150	114	106	70	70	68	36	40	130	94	122	4

Table 4-8. Divorces and Annulments by Number of Children Reported: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Data relate to children under 18 years of age except as noted. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPORTED						
		None	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	125,128	44,715	28,290	20,954	10,506	5,201	3,071	12,391
Alabama ¹ -----	17,700	4,940	3,420	2,580	1,400	600	340	4,420
Alaska ² -----	916	419	175	170	78	38	29	7
Georgia-----	9,540	3,210	1,930	1,230	680	300	190	2,000
Hawaii ³ -----	1,554	398	320	348	222	128	114	24
Idaho ⁴ -----	2,684	1,086	614	404	256	136	62	126
Iowa-----	4,800	1,470	1,190	940	490	220	180	310
Kansas ⁵ -----	5,170	1,950	1,220	910	550	340	170	30
Maryland-----	5,300	1,770	1,180	900	270	70	90	1,020
Michigan-----	16,120	6,840	3,800	2,780	1,360	780	520	240
Missouri ⁵ -----	11,560	5,360	2,780	1,580	920	420	320	180
Montana-----	2,034	770	420	372	234	104	74	60
Nebraska ⁴ -----	2,370	884	610	406	226	126	102	16
Oregon-----	6,000	2,350	1,450	960	650	250	70	290
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	3,560	3,100	3,120	940	480	60	2,360
South Dakota-----	854	312	173	172	98	53	44	2
Tennessee ⁶ -----	9,380	4,100	2,100	1,580	660	440	260	240
Utah-----	2,360	544	424	298	214	126	70	684
Virginia ¹ -----	7,580	2,950	2,060	1,220	640	290	190	230
Wisconsin-----	4,280	1,490	1,020	760	480	240	160	130
Wyoming-----	1,306	512	324	224	138	60	26	22

¹Number of minor children affected.
²Number of children under 21 affected.
³Number of minor children.
⁴Number of children affected by decree.
⁵Number of children.
⁶Number of children under 18 of this marriage.

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Table 4-9. Divorces and Annulments by Duration of Marriage and Number of Children Reported: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Data relate to children under 18 years of age except as noted. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPORTED					AREA AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPORTED				
		None	1	2	3 or more	Not stated			None	1	2	3 or more	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA						DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA—Con.							
Total-----	125,128	44,715	28,290	20,954	18,778	12,391	MARYLAND						
ALABAMA¹						MICHIGAN							
Total-----	17,700	4,940	3,420	2,580	2,340	4,420	Total-----	16,120	6,640	3,800	2,780	2,660	240
Under 1 year-----	1,120	480	60	-	20	560	Under 1 year-----	700	660	40	-	-	-
1 and 2 years-----	3,140	1,300	760	160	60	860	1 and 2 years-----	2,520	1,700	720	40	60	60
3 and 4 years-----	2,440	840	640	440	80	440	3 and 4 years-----	2,120	880	660	480	60	40
5-9 years-----	4,160	920	840	960	580	860	5-9 years-----	4,200	1,400	980	940	820	60
10-14 years-----	2,760	460	380	520	720	680	10-14 years-----	2,800	640	600	560	1,000	-
15 years and over-----	3,999	345	102	251	121	3,180	15 years and over-----	3,760	1,360	780	760	780	60
Not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not stated-----	20	-	20	-	-	-
ALASKA²						MISSOURI⁵							
Total-----	916	419	175	170	145	7	Total-----	11,560	5,360	2,780	1,580	1,660	180
Under 1 year-----	55	42	4	5	2	2	Under 1 year-----	780	700	60	-	-	20
1 and 2 years-----	164	113	41	7	7	-	1 and 2 years-----	2,100	1,100	840	140	-	20
3 and 4 years-----	161	73	37	43	7	1	3 and 4 years-----	1,880	920	540	340	80	20
5-9 years-----	235	90	49	49	49	1	5-9 years-----	2,680	960	760	560	580	20
10-14 years-----	153	50	16	38	48	1	10-14 years-----	1,420	540	180	280	400	60
15 years and over-----	143	48	27	29	36	3	15 years and over-----	2,580	1,100	400	220	600	20
Not stated-----	5	3	1	1	-	-	Not stated-----	120	40	-	40	-	40
GEORGIA						MONTANA							
Total-----	9,540	3,210	1,930	1,230	1,170	2,000	Total-----	2,034	770	420	372	412	60
Under 1 year-----	570	430	20	10	-	110	Under 1 year-----	184	146	16	4	-	18
1 and 2 years-----	1,440	870	350	90	-	130	1 and 2 years-----	444	242	156	28	8	10
3 and 4 years-----	1,270	480	470	150	20	150	3 and 4 years-----	368	138	98	96	28	8
5-9 years-----	1,720	480	410	390	380	60	5-9 years-----	430	108	60	106	138	18
10-14 years-----	1,220	270	310	260	330	50	10-14 years-----	266	46	28	58	120	4
15 years and over-----	1,670	560	350	280	390	90	15 years and over-----	336	90	60	78	106	2
Not stated-----	1,650	120	20	50	50	1,410	Not stated-----	6	-	2	2	2	-
HAWAII³						NEBRASKA⁴							
Total-----	1,554	398	320	348	464	24	Total-----	2,370	884	610	406	454	16
Under 1 year-----	110	64	12	18	16	-	Under 1 year-----	158	120	20	2	2	12
1 and 2 years-----	298	94	110	52	36	6	1 and 2 years-----	436	236	164	34	2	-
3 and 4 years-----	248	64	50	74	56	4	3 and 4 years-----	374	134	80	60	34	2
5-9 years-----	376	66	62	114	132	2	5-9 years-----	558	156	128	120	154	-
10-14 years-----	260	42	36	42	132	8	10-14 years-----	364	72	66	78	146	2
15 years and over-----	262	68	50	48	92	4	15 years and over-----	478	164	106	92	116	-
Not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not stated-----	4	2	2	-	-	-
IDaho⁴						OREGON							
Total-----	2,684	1,086	614	404	454	126	Total-----	6,000	2,350	1,430	960	970	230
Under 1 year-----	292	234	46	6	-	6	Under 1 year-----	370	300	50	-	-	20
1 and 2 years-----	612	322	208	52	16	14	1 and 2 years-----	1,260	700	350	100	10	100
3 and 4 years-----	422	164	124	90	30	14	3 and 4 years-----	930	320	280	180	100	60
5-9 years-----	468	144	94	106	138	6	5-9 years-----	1,350	460	300	280	280	30
10-14 years-----	320	72	46	68	130	4	10-14 years-----	630	200	140	180	300	10
15 years and over-----	410	130	84	58	130	8	15 years and over-----	1,210	360	300	210	270	70
Not stated-----	140	20	12	24	10	74	Not stated-----	50	10	10	10	10	10
IOWA						PENNSYLVANIA							
Total-----	4,800	1,470	1,190	940	890	310	Total-----	13,620	3,560	3,100	3,120	1,480	2,360
Under 1 year-----	440	270	90	20	10	50	Under 1 year-----	320	140	20	20	-	140
1 and 2 years-----	980	390	440	50	20	80	1 and 2 years-----	1,900	860	560	120	-	360
3 and 4 years-----	870	280	270	240	20	60	3 and 4 years-----	1,900	400	680	300	20	500
5-9 years-----	950	220	140	220	330	40	5-9 years-----	3,520	860	760	1,140	420	340
10-14 years-----	740	110	100	210	280	40	10-14 years-----	2,240	300	340	680	500	420
15 years and over-----	820	200	150	200	230	40	15 years and over-----	3,560	980	740	820	540	480
Not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not stated-----	180	20	40	-	-	120
KANSAS⁵						SOUTH DAKOTA							
Total-----	5,170	1,950	1,220	910	1,060	30	Total-----	854	312	173	172	195	2
Under 1 year-----	400	320	60	-	20	-	Under 1 year-----	64	50	8	2	3	1
1 and 2 years-----	920	480	340	80	20	-	1 and 2 years-----	171	95	61	11	4	-
3 and 4 years-----	710	320	200	150	40	-	3 and 4 years-----	126	39	36	39	13	-
5-9 years-----	1,490	440	350	300	390	10	5-9 years-----	200	57	24	52	66	1
10-14 years-----	690	180	100	140	260	10	10-14 years-----	129	22	9	35	63	-
15 years and over-----	950	200	170	240	330	10	15 years and over-----	162	49	34	34	45	-
Not stated-----	10	-	-	-	-	-	Not stated-----	2	-	1	-	1	-

¹Number of minor children affected.
²Number of children under 21 affected.
³Number of minor children.
⁴Number of children affected by decree.
⁵Number of children.

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Table 4-9. Divorces and Annulments by Duration of Marriage and Number of Children Reported: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961-Con.

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. Data relate to children under 18 years of age except as noted. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPORTED					AREA AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPORTED				
		None	1	2	3 or more	Not stated			None	1	2	3 or more	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-Con.						DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-Con.							
TENNESSEE ⁶						WISCONSIN							
Total-----	9,380	4,100	2,100	1,580	1,360	240	Total-----	4,280	1,490	1,020	760	880	130
Under 1 year-----	680	580	40	-	-	60	Under 1 year-----	180	170	10	-	-	-
1 and 2 years-----	1,880	1,120	560	100	20	80	1 and 2 years-----	570	200	220	100	10	40
3 and 4 years-----	1,440	680	440	240	80	-	3 and 4 years-----	640	240	230	130	40	-
5-9 years-----	2,360	700	580	680	400	-	5-9 years-----	1,030	340	180	200	290	20
10-14 years-----	1,240	400	240	340	260	-	10-14 years-----	710	150	100	160	280	20
15 years and over-----	1,660	540	240	180	600	100	15 years and over-----	1,140	380	280	170	260	50
Not stated-----	120	80	-	40	-	-	Not stated-----	10	10	-	-	-	-
UTAH						WYOMING							
Total-----	2,360	544	424	298	410	684	Total-----	1,306	512	324	224	224	22
Under 1 year-----	134	90	18	-	8	18	Under 1 year-----	144	104	26	4	6	4
1 and 2 years-----	448	180	176	32	22	38	1 and 2 years-----	308	172	104	18	8	6
3 and 4 years-----	282	100	70	52	40	20	3 and 4 years-----	220	72	72	60	14	2
5-9 years-----	432	86	66	108	150	22	5-9 years-----	284	88	48	64	82	2
10-14 years-----	208	34	42	34	88	10	10-14 years-----	130	34	16	34	42	4
15 years and over-----	268	44	50	68	96	10	15 years and over-----	216	42	56	44	70	4
Not stated-----	588	10	2	4	6	566	Not stated-----	4	-	2	-	2	-
VIRGINIA ¹													
Total-----	7,580	2,950	2,060	1,220	1,120	230							
Under 1 year-----	50	50	-	-	-	-							
1 and 2 years-----	1,040	690	250	20	-	80							
3 and 4 years-----	1,210	520	470	110	70	40							
5-9 years-----	1,940	590	580	420	300	50							
10-14 years-----	1,350	410	340	300	290	10							
15 years and over-----	1,960	690	410	360	460	40							
Not stated-----	30	-	10	10	-	10							

¹Number of minor children affected.
⁶Number of children under 18 of this marriage.

Table 4-10. Divorces and Annulments by Legal Grounds for Decree: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DECREE					
		Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Nonsupport	Other	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA-----	125,128	1,858	78,662	27,065	7,050	5,179	5,314
Alabama-----	17,700	280	9,280	7,320	40	640	140
Alaska-----	916	5	19	41	8	843	-
Georgia-----	9,540	20	5,950	1,340	20	340	1,870
Hawaii-----	1,554	2	1,306	120	74	50	2
Idaho-----	2,684	8	2,244	78	42	104	208
Iowa-----	4,800	40	4,380	150	10	170	50
Kansas-----	5,170	40	690	280	4,030	130	-
Maryland-----	5,300	750	20	2,490	-	2,000	1,040
Michigan-----	16,120	20	13,360	640	1,800	220	80
Missouri-----	11,560	40	9,160	1,540	260	240	320
Montana-----	2,034	12	1,684	152	44	136	6
Nebraska-----	2,370	18	1,942	126	166	116	2
Oregon-----	6,000	10	5,280	440	20	130	120
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	120	10,220	2,720	-	120	440
South Dakota-----	854	1	721	72	28	30	2
Tennessee-----	9,380	100	6,260	2,420	340	100	160
Utah-----	2,360	8	1,420	54	54	50	774
Virginia-----	7,580	380	-	6,800	-	380	20
Wisconsin-----	4,280	-	3,560	210	90	340	80
Wyoming-----	1,306	4	1,166	72	24	40	-

¹Includes 711 decrees granted on grounds of incompatibility.
²Includes 540 decrees granted after a period of separation.

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Table 4-11. Divorces and Annulments by Party to Whom Decree Was Granted, Whether Plaintiff or Other: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND PLAINTIFF	All divorces and annulments	DECREE GRANTED TO--				AREA AND PLAINTIFF	All divorces and annulments	DECREE GRANTED TO--			
		Husband	Wife	Other party ¹	Party not stated			Husband	Wife	Other party ¹	Party not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA						DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA--Con					
Total-----	125,128	30,862	84,946	3,892	5,428	MONTANA					
Husband-----	33,856	29,071	2,513	1,298	974	Total-----	2,034	512	1,502	-	20
Wife-----	87,357	1,280	80,967	2,518	2,592	Husband-----	512	496	12	-	4
Plaintiff not stated ² -----	3,915	511	1,466	76	1,862	Wife-----	1,520	16	1,490	-	14
ALABAMA						Plaintiff not stated ⁴ -----	2	-	-	-	2
Total-----	17,700	4,720	10,500	2,460	20	NEBRASKA					
Husband-----	5,640	4,700	60	880	-	Total-----	2,370	196	908	-	1,268
Wife-----	12,060	20	10,440	1,580	20	Husband-----	538	168	62	-	308
Plaintiff not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-	Wife-----	1,828	28	846	-	954
ALASKA						Plaintiff not stated ³ -----	4	-	-	-	4
Total-----	916	327	585	2	2	OREGON					
Husband-----	343	319	22	2	2	Total-----	6,000	1,190	4,240	-	570
Wife-----	573	8	563	-	-	Husband-----	1,340	1,110	100	-	130
Plaintiff not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-	Wife-----	4,630	80	4,130	-	420
GEORGIA						Plaintiff not stated-----	30	-	10	-	20
Total-----	9,540	2,540	5,140	1,390	470	PENNSYLVANIA					
Husband-----	3,140	2,480	110	400	150	Total-----	13,620	4,180	9,060	-	390
Wife-----	6,140	60	4,920	930	230	Husband-----	4,320	4,160	20	-	140
Plaintiff not stated-----	260	-	110	60	90	Wife-----	9,200	-	8,980	-	220
HAWAII						Plaintiff not stated-----	100	20	60	-	20
Total-----	1,554	404	1,032	6	112	SOUTH DAKOTA					
Husband-----	446	394	26	2	24	Total-----	854	191	659	-	4
Wife-----	1,108	10	1,006	4	88	Husband-----	197	170	25	-	2
Plaintiff not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-	Wife-----	656	20	634	-	2
IDAHO						Plaintiff not stated-----	1	1	-	-	-
Total-----	2,684	676	1,918	8	82	TENNESSEE					
Husband-----	714	666	42	2	4	Total-----	9,380	2,080	7,240	-	60
Wife-----	1,876	10	1,852	12	12	Husband-----	2,180	1,980	200	-	-
Plaintiff not stated ³ -----	94	-	24	4	66	Wife-----	7,120	100	6,960	-	60
IOWA						Plaintiff not stated-----	80	-	80	-	-
Total-----	4,800	940	3,830	-	30	UTAH					
Husband-----	960	860	100	-	-	Total-----	2,360	210	1,002	6	1,142
Wife-----	3,840	80	3,730	-	30	Husband-----	352	196	22	2	132
Plaintiff not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-	Wife-----	1,364	14	978	2	370
KANSAS						Plaintiff not stated-----	644	-	2	2	640
Total-----	5,170	1,140	4,010	20	-	VIRGINIA					
Husband-----	1,250	1,070	170	10	-	Total-----	7,580	2,630	4,900	-	60
Wife-----	3,880	70	3,810	-	-	Husband-----	2,670	2,490	170	-	10
Plaintiff not stated-----	40	-	30	10	-	Wife-----	4,910	140	4,730	-	40
MARYLAND						Plaintiff not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-
Total-----	5,300	1,640	2,620	-	1,040	WISCONSIN					
Husband-----	1,710	1,590	60	-	60	Total-----	4,280	850	3,370	-	60
Wife-----	2,630	40	2,530	-	60	Husband-----	980	740	230	-	10
Plaintiff not stated-----	960	10	30	-	920	Wife-----	3,280	110	3,120	-	50
MICHIGAN						Plaintiff not stated-----	20	-	20	-	-
Total-----	16,120	3,880	12,160	-	80	WYOMING					
Husband-----	3,820	3,100	720	-	-	Total-----	1,306	336	970	-	-
Wife-----	10,780	340	10,440	-	-	Husband-----	344	322	22	-	-
Plaintiff not stated-----	1,520	440	1,000	-	80	Wife-----	962	14	948	-	-
MISSOURI						Plaintiff not stated-----	-	-	-	-	-
Total-----	11,560	2,220	9,300	-	40						
Husband-----	2,400	2,060	340	-	-						
Wife-----	9,000	120	8,860	-	20						
Plaintiff not stated-----	160	40	100	-	20						

¹Parent, guardian, cross-complainant, or both husband and wife.
²Includes 10 cases where plaintiff was other than husband or wife.
³Includes 4 cases where plaintiff was other than husband or wife.
⁴Includes 2 cases where plaintiff was other than husband or wife.

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Table 4-12. Divorces and Annulments by Plaintiff and Duration of Marriage: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	PLAINTIFF			AREA AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	PLAINTIFF		
		Husband	Wife	Not stated			Husband	Wife	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA				DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA—Con.					
Total-----	125,128	33,856	87,357	13,915	MARYLAND				
Under 1 year-----	6,799	2,142	4,535	122	Total-----	5,300	1,710	2,630	960
1 and 2 years-----	20,991	5,884	14,555	552	Under 1 year-----	50	20	30	-
3 and 4 years-----	18,221	4,699	13,170	352	1 and 2 years-----	360	140	220	-
5-9 years-----	29,863	7,517	21,934	412	3 and 4 years-----	610	200	390	20
10-14 years-----	18,770	4,771	13,596	403	5-9 years-----	1,260	560	660	40
15 years and over-----	26,485	8,050	17,943	492	10-14 years-----	940	320	620	-
Not stated-----	3,999	793	1,624	1,582	15 years and over-----	1,140	450	690	-
ALABAMA				MICHIGAN					
Total-----	17,700	5,640	12,060	-	Total-----	16,120	3,820	10,780	1,520
Under 1 year-----	1,120	320	800	-	Under 1 year-----	700	320	320	60
1 and 2 years-----	3,140	1,040	2,100	-	1 and 2 years-----	2,520	660	1,460	400
3 and 4 years-----	2,440	720	1,720	-	3 and 4 years-----	2,120	400	1,500	220
5-9 years-----	4,160	1,300	2,860	-	5-9 years-----	4,200	940	3,060	200
10-14 years-----	2,760	860	1,900	-	10-14 years-----	2,820	520	2,060	220
15 years and over-----	3,960	1,360	2,600	-	15 years and over-----	3,760	980	2,350	420
Not stated-----	120	40	80	-	Not stated-----	20	-	20	-
ALASKA				MISSOURI					
Total-----	916	343	573	-	Total-----	11,560	2,400	9,000	160
Under 1 year-----	55	23	32	-	Under 1 year-----	780	200	580	-
1 and 2 years-----	164	74	90	-	1 and 2 years-----	2,100	320	1,760	20
3 and 4 years-----	161	50	111	-	3 and 4 years-----	1,860	380	1,500	-
5-9 years-----	235	89	146	-	5-9 years-----	2,880	520	2,320	40
10-14 years-----	153	47	106	-	10-14 years-----	1,420	300	1,040	80
15 years and over-----	143	58	85	-	15 years and over-----	2,380	620	1,760	-
Not stated-----	5	2	3	-	Not stated-----	120	60	40	20
GEORGIA				MONTANA					
Total-----	9,540	3,140	6,140	260	Total-----	2,034	512	1,520	32
Under 1 year-----	570	180	390	60	Under 1 year-----	184	34	150	-
1 and 2 years-----	1,440	540	840	70	1 and 2 years-----	444	120	322	2
3 and 4 years-----	1,270	360	840	60	3 and 4 years-----	368	94	274	-
5-9 years-----	1,720	520	1,170	30	5-9 years-----	430	104	326	-
10-14 years-----	1,220	360	810	50	10-14 years-----	266	68	198	-
15 years and over-----	1,670	620	1,030	20	15 years and over-----	336	92	244	-
Not stated-----	1,650	560	1,060	30	Not stated-----	6	-	6	-
HAWAII				NEBRASKA					
Total-----	1,554	446	1,108	-	Total-----	2,370	538	1,828	24
Under 1 year-----	110	42	68	-	Under 1 year-----	156	40	112	4
1 and 2 years-----	298	114	184	-	1 and 2 years-----	436	112	324	-
3 and 4 years-----	248	46	202	-	3 and 4 years-----	374	88	286	-
5-9 years-----	376	90	286	-	5-9 years-----	558	120	438	-
10-14 years-----	260	58	202	-	10-14 years-----	364	82	282	-
15 years and over-----	262	96	166	-	15 years and over-----	478	94	384	-
Not stated-----	-	-	-	-	Not stated-----	4	2	2	-
IDAHO				OREGON					
Total-----	2,684	714	1,876	294	Total-----	6,000	1,340	4,630	30
Under 1 year-----	292	100	182	10	Under 1 year-----	370	130	240	-
1 and 2 years-----	612	166	444	2	1 and 2 years-----	1,260	250	1,010	-
3 and 4 years-----	422	104	316	2	3 and 4 years-----	930	160	760	10
5-9 years-----	488	118	360	10	5-9 years-----	1,550	290	1,060	-
10-14 years-----	320	88	232	-	10-14 years-----	630	210	620	-
15 years and over-----	410	116	288	6	15 years and over-----	1,210	290	910	10
Not stated-----	140	22	54	64	Not stated-----	50	10	30	10
IOWA				PENNSYLVANIA					
Total-----	4,800	960	3,840	-	Total-----	13,620	4,320	9,200	100
Under 1 year-----	440	60	380	-	Under 1 year-----	320	140	180	-
1 and 2 years-----	980	220	760	-	1 and 2 years-----	1,900	660	1,200	40
3 and 4 years-----	870	180	690	-	3 and 4 years-----	1,800	780	1,100	20
5-9 years-----	950	120	830	-	5-9 years-----	3,520	1,000	2,520	-
10-14 years-----	740	170	570	-	10-14 years-----	2,240	560	1,640	40
15 years and over-----	820	210	610	-	15 years and over-----	3,560	1,140	2,420	-
Not stated-----	-	-	-	-	Not stated-----	180	40	140	-
KANSAS				SOUTH DAKOTA					
Total-----	5,170	1,250	3,880	40	Total-----	854	197	656	1
Under 1 year-----	400	120	280	10	Under 1 year-----	64	15	49	-
1 and 2 years-----	920	250	660	10	1 and 2 years-----	171	42	129	-
3 and 4 years-----	710	190	520	10	3 and 4 years-----	126	21	105	-
5-9 years-----	1,490	300	1,180	10	5-9 years-----	200	52	148	-
10-14 years-----	690	120	570	20	10-14 years-----	129	34	94	1
15 years and over-----	950	260	670	20	15 years and over-----	162	32	130	-
Not stated-----	10	10	-	-	Not stated-----	2	1	1	-

¹Includes 10 cases where plaintiff was other than husband or wife.²Includes 4 cases where plaintiff was other than husband or wife.³Includes 2 cases where plaintiff was other than husband or wife.

SECTION 4 - MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Table 4-12. Divorces and Annulments by Plaintiff and Duration of Marriage: Divorce-Registration Area and Each Registration State, 1961-Con.

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data. For sample design and sampling variability, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	PLAINTIFF			AREA AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	PLAINTIFF		
		Husband	Wife	Not stated			Husband	Wife	Not stated
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA—Con.				DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA—Con.					
TENNESSEE				WISCONSIN					
Total-----	9,380	2,180	7,120	80	Total-----	4,280	980	3,280	20
Under 1 year-----	680	260	380	40	Under 1 year-----	180	40	140	-
1 and 2 years-----	1,880	400	1,480	-	1 and 2 years-----	570	140	430	-
3 and 4 years-----	1,440	320	1,120	-	3 and 4 years-----	640	100	540	-
5-9 years-----	2,360	380	1,940	40	5-9 years-----	1,030	270	750	10
10-14 years-----	1,240	320	920	-	10-14 years-----	710	130	580	-
15 years and over-----	1,660	480	1,180	-	15 years and over-----	1,140	300	830	10
Not stated-----	120	20	100	-	Not stated-----	10	-	10	-
UTAH				WYOMING					
Total-----	2,360	352	1,364	644	Total-----	1,306	344	962	-
Under 1 year-----	134	30	96	8	Under 1 year-----	144	38	106	-
1 and 2 years-----	448	88	342	18	1 and 2 years-----	308	88	220	-
3 and 4 years-----	282	42	230	10	3 and 4 years-----	220	54	166	-
5-9 years-----	432	80	310	32	5-9 years-----	284	54	230	-
10-14 years-----	208	38	158	12	10-14 years-----	130	46	84	-
15 years and over-----	268	60	202	6	15 years and over-----	216	62	154	-
Not stated-----	588	4	26	558	Not stated-----	4	2	2	-
VIRGINIA									
Total-----	7,580	2,670	4,910	-					
Under 1 year-----	50	30	20	-					
1 and 2 years-----	1,040	460	580	-					
3 and 4 years-----	1,210	410	800	-					
5-9 years-----	1,940	600	1,340	-					
10-14 years-----	1,350	440	910	-					
15 years and over-----	1,960	730	1,230	-					
Not stated-----	30	-	30	-					

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Quantity zero in rate or percent tables-----	0
Rate or percent more than 0 but less than 0,05-----	0.0
Both frequency and population base zero in rate or percent tables-----	-
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Table 5-1. Marriages and Divorces and Annulments: United States, Each State and County, 1961

(By place of occurrence. For sources of data, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
UNITED STATES ¹	1,547,945	414,000	ARKANSAS ⁵	18,768	5,872	CALIFORNIA—Con.		
ALABAMA	32,723	17,715	Arkansas	244	80	Kings	427	103
Autauga	279	46	Ashley	492	119	Lake	60	42
Baldwin	909	361	Baxter	110	14	Lassen	35	23
Barbour	192	41	Benton	336	121	Los Angeles	42,232	22,392
Bibb	158	25	Boone	478	51	Madera	303	121
Blount	235	39	Bradley	108	28	Marin	700	447
Bullock	79	21	Calhoun	61	13	Mariposa	42	10
Butler	201	65	Carrall	104	22	Mendocino	250	132
Calhoun	661	275	Chicot	191	85	Merced	592	244
Chambers	309	72	Clark	172	43	Modoc	38	14
Cherokee	271	32	Clay	333	6	Mono	11	4
Chilton	269	28	Cleburne	94	18	Monterey	1,503	477
Choctaw	181	38	Cleveland	139	—	Napa	385	198
Clarke	234	40	Columbia	308	114	Nevada	81	62
Clay	162	14	Conway	189	33	Orange	4,692	2,195
Cleburne	121	21	Craighead	723	175	Placer	302	138
Coffee	324	91	Crawford	251	62	Plumas	24	37
Colbert	471	147	Crittenden	692	119	Riverside	2,197	690
Conceh	223	29	Cross	188	50	Sacramento	2,701	1,686
Cook	146	21	Dallas	129	31	San Benito	212	9
Covington	832	449	Desha	226	85	San Bernardino	2,943	1,406
Crenshaw	127	413	Drew	143	—	San Diego	7,785	3,667
Cullman	480	180	Faulkner	309	37	San Francisco	6,485	2,587
Dale	252	98	Franklin	115	5	San Joaquin	1,188	681
Dallas	458	126	Fulton	138	15	San Luis Obispo	620	221
De Kalb	297	97	Garland	523	330	San Mateo	2,029	1,427
Elmore	300	59	Grant	122	2	Santa Barbara	1,461	446
Escambia	894	101	Greene	329	92	Santa Clara	4,226	1,900
Etowah	646	360	Hempstead	169	47	Santa Cruz	638	219
Fayette	170	42	Hot Spring	336	100	Shasta	429	251
Franklin	275	51	Howard	109	6	Sierra	2	4
Geneva	272	2,867	Independence	204	26	Siskiyou	183	86
Greene	99	—	Izard	51	11	Solano	680	418
Hale	133	13	Jackson	303	83	Sonoma	812	421
Henry	123	16	Jefferson	625	228	Stanislaus	1,143	434
Houston	556	124	Johnson	111	57	Sutter	132	80
Jackson	204	103	Lafayette	128	44	Tehama	134	73
Jefferson	5,194	1,957	Lawrence	14	7	Trinity	26	41
Lamar	196	14	Lee	189	52	Tulare	1,207	396
Lauderdale	1,646	182	Lincoln	122	8	Tuolumne	57	52
Lawrence	266	29	Little River	76	12	Ventura	1,510	603
Lee	287	227	Logan	138	52	Yolo	169	164
Linestone	393	56	Lonoke	268	52	Yuba	182	77
Lowndes	116	7	Madison	271	—	COLORADO	³ 16,842	¹⁵ 6,600
Macon	200	—	Marrion	51	13	Adams	495	289
Madison	1,001	425	Miller	335	150	Alamosa	114	3
Marengo	220	54	Mississippi	747	259	Arapahoe	894	394
Marion	152	1,825	Monroe	152	31	Archuleta	25	1
Marshall	472	168	Montgomery	60	33	Baca	44	12
Mobile	2,356	676	Nevada	88	23	Bent	41	16
Monroe	190	35	Newton	45	—	Boulder	740	188
Montgomery	1,456	684	Ouachita	309	119	Chaffee	81	24
Morgan	597	173	Perry	61	5	Cheyenne	14	1
Perry	148	22	Phillips	384	119	Clear Creek	68	17
Pickens	311	—	Pike	74	16	Conejos	61	11
Pike	371	56	Poinsett	373	133	Costilla	753	3
Randolph	174	68	Folk	95	39	Crowley	36	11
Russell	1,313	472	Poplar	85	46	Custer	11	3
St. Clair	301	50	Prarie	57	18	Delta	186	52
Shelby	333	59	Pulaski	1,948	1,213	Denver	6,207	2,322
Sumter	232	22	Randolph	150	32	Dolores	14	2
Talladega	790	193	St. Francis	333	75	Douglas	224	12
Tallapoosa	276	53	Saline	789	112	Eagle	20	3
Tuscaloosa	892	323	Scott	54	15	Elbert	25	2
Walker	677	167	Searcy	92	24	El Paso	1,428	510
Washington	200	69	Sebastian	488	279	Fremont	167	42
Wilcox	110	16	Sevier	109	32	Garfield	114	29
Winston	210	3,148	Sharp	—	—	Gilpin	27	1
ALASKA ²	2,091	916	Stone	58	—	Grand	37	8
First Judicial District	379	170	Union	488	260	Gunnison	65	5
Second Judicial District	69	8	Van Buren	70	12	Hinsdale	1	—
Third Judicial District	1,205	561	Washington	412	196	Huerfano	69	19
Fourth Judicial District	438	177	White	334	91	Jackson	9	5
ARIZONA	10,426	6,973	Woodruff	—	5	Jefferson	918	17
Apache	86	14	Yell	65	17	Kiowa	30	8
Cochise	377	181	CALIFORNIA	109,642	51,644	Kit Carson	52	11
Coconino	301	140	Alameda	5,627	2,891	Lake	71	21
Gila	191	99	Alpine	1	—	La Plata	194	65
Graham	124	55	Amador	39	23	Larimer	568	22
Greenlee	56	38	Butte	417	287	Las Animas	134	27
Maricopa	³ 4,860	⁴ 2,257	Calaveras	31	13	Lincoln	46	7
Mohave	63	19	Colusa	43	29	Logan	179	42
Navajo	250	75	Contra Costa	1,718	1,068	Mesa	513	188
Pima	² 1,856	⁴ 1,425	Del Norte	180	38	Mineral	2	1
Pinal	508	268	El Dorado	96	65	Moffat	77	24
Santa Cruz	318	25	Fresno	2,670	867	Montezuma	134	50
Yavapai	213	153	Glenn	77	32	Montrose	128	56
Yuma	² 1,223	224	Humboldt	798	345	Morgan	165	43
			Imperial	5,101	251	Otero	196	37
			Inyo	41	56	Ouray	25	2
			Kern	2,075	1,001	Park	16	9
						Phillips	35	4

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Table 5-1. Marriages and Divorces and Annulments: United States, Each State and County, 1961—Con.

(By place of occurrence. For sources of data, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
COLORADO—Con.			FLORIDA—Con.			GEORGIA—Con.		
Pitkin	25	10	Santa Rosa	206	84	Jasper	39	2
Provers	112	35	Sarasota	653	297	Jeff Davis	87	18
Pueblo	846	353	Seminole	380	223	Jefferson	79	28
Rio Blanco	43	13	Sumter	149	107	Jenkins	70	11
Rio Grande	91	2	Suwannee	149	38	Johnson	73	18
Routt	33	17	Taylor	101	18	Jones	66	3
Seguache	29	1	Union	38	22	Lamar	100	5
San Juan	5	1	Volusia	978	498	Lanier	56	15
San Miguel	9	7	Walulla	49	-	Laurens	247	70
Sedgwick	51	6	Walton	91	51	Lee	64	7
Summit	15	6	Washington	88	36	Liberty	94	25
Teller	20	6	GEORGIA	52,062	9,539	Lincoln	71	5
Washington	42	5	Appling	169	34	Long	51	6
Weld	699	147	Atkinson	97	11	Lowndes	840	136
Yuma	91	11	Bacon	89	26	Lumpkin	66	5
CONNECTICUT			Baker	39	5	McDuffie	113	11
Fairfield	5,070	572	Baldwin	166	54	McIntosh	69	21
Hartford	4,418	868	Banks	87	7	Madison	22	2
Litchfield	1,274	113	Barrow	103	22	Madison	64	25
Middlesex	584	128	Bartow	219	62	Marion	50	12
New Haven	4,188	724	Ben Hill	157	30	Meriwether	117	22
New London	1,267	239	Berrien	111	28	Miller	137	17
Tolland	378	98	Biibb	1,067	412	Mitchell	239	31
Windham	614	91	Bleckley	77	18	Monroe	51	2
DELAWARE			Brantley	1,262	14	Montgomery	72	12
Kent	329	82	Brooks	191	17	Morgan	87	9
New Castle	1,898	411	Bryan	62	8	Murray	299	9
Sussex	333	100	Bulloch	211	15	Muscogee	1,327	177
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			Burke	113	36	Newton	202	52
FLORIDA	89,101	1,140	Butts	82	1	Oconee	59	6
Alachua	513	173	Calhoun	49	2	Oglethorpe	51	2
Baker	74	94	Camden	1,907	29	Paulding	400	15
Bay	505	309	Candler	80	6	Peach	133	36
Bradford	90	48	Carroll	326	64	Pickens	81	13
Brevard	857	684	Catoosa	2,553	47	Pierce	277	14
Broward	2,869	1,287	Charlton	3,169	17	Pike	49	3
Calhoun	38	52	Chatham	1,107	831	Polk	283	58
Charlotte	128	79	Chattahoochee	352	40	Pulaski	90	17
Citrus	109	58	Chattooga	233	40	Putnam	66	6
Clay	144	75	Cherokee	259	44	Quitman	39	1
Collier	214	58	Clarke	412	102	Rabun	123	6
Columbia	182	85	Clay	56	2	Randolph	76	14
Dade	8,549	4,909	Clayton	357	39	Richmond	499	731
De Soto	125	43	Clinch	101	6	Rockdale	259	11
Dixie	42	9	Cobb	713	320	Schley	41	1
Duval	2,909	1,905	Corfee	267	73	Scriven	77	21
Escambia	1,530	852	Colquitt	317	62	Seminole	1,027	12
Flagler	60	149	Columbia	40	14	Spalding	358	87
Franklin	57	19	Cook	130	45	Stephens	103	32
Gadsden	191	78	Coveta	307	46	Stewart	53	2
Gilchrist	56	9	Crawford	59	5	Sumter	185	48
Glades	33	6	Crisp	163	12	Talbot	53	3
Gulf	76	34	Dade	2,627	9	Taliaferro	18	5
Hamilton	67	31	Dawson	150	3	Tattnall	106	6
Hardee	168	267	Decatur	925	33	Taylor	76	7
Hendry	147	60	De Kalb	1,706	708	Telfair	145	25
Hernando	158	48	Dodge	124	16	Terrell	101	14
Highlands	203	75	Dooly	88	10	Thomas	506	103
Hillsborough	3,433	1,827	Dougherty	662	264	Tift	294	25
Holmes	113	56	Douglas	357	2	Toombs	173	47
Indian River	230	76	Early	119	16	Town	52	1
Jackson	181	76	Echols	180	3	Treutlen	35	7
Jefferson	53	27	Effingham	73	5	Troup	454	105
Lafayette	30	3	Elbert	187	9	Turner	79	10
Lake	478	682	Emanuel	157	6	Twiggs	184	6
Lee	474	215	Evan	90	4	Union	159	13
Leon	481	215	Fannin	231	32	Upson	235	47
Levy	85	35	Fayette	118	9	Walker	1,923	63
Liberty	12	10	Floyd	594	186	Walton	160	39
Madison	73	24	Forsyth	85	5	Ware	404	80
Manatee	615	203	Franklin	132	11	Warren	20	7
Marion	430	115	Fulton	5,555	1,642	Washington	100	16
Martin	145	66	Gilmer	123	2	Wayne	267	44
Monroe	479	281	Glascock	51	4	Webster	12	1
Nassau	83	48	Glynn	431	151	Wheeler	30	6
Okaloosa	326	291	Gordon	182	34	White	65	2
Okeechobee	74	33	Grady	308	20	Whitfield	324	124
Orange	2,183	524	Greene	81	20	Wilcox	57	6
Osceola	215	74	Gwinnett	420	16	Wilkes	61	24
Palm Beach	1,889	795	Habersham	169	6	Wilkinson	67	8
Pasco	384	143	Hall	317	118	Worth	201	19
Pinellas	2,818	1,316	Hancock	70	7	Warren	20	7
Polk	1,832	847	Haralson	1,320	50	Washington	100	16
Putnam	228	438	Harris	89	9	Wayne	267	44
St. Johns	271	245	Hart	604	2	Webster	12	1
St. Lucie	343	147	Heard	105	5	Wheeler	30	6
			Henry	178	29	White	65	2
			Houston	251	91	Whitfield	324	124
			Irwin	65	3	Wilcox	57	6
			Jackson	162	26	Wilkes	61	24
						Wilkinson	67	8
						Worth	201	19
						HAWAII		
							5,299	1,100
						Hawaii	344	100
						Honolulu	4,468	1,391
						Kalawao	1	1
						Kauai	186	41
						Maui	230	50

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SECTION 5 - MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Table 5-1. Marriages and Divorces and Annulments: United States, Each State and County, 1961 - Con.

(By place of occurrence. For sources of data, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
IDAHO-----	11,151	2,685	ILLINOIS--Con.			INDIANA--Con.		
Ada-----	1,005	339	Jefferson-----	347	54	Fayette-----	217	52
Adams-----	26	9	Jersey-----	129	22	Floyd-----	499	122
Bannock-----	456	217	Jo Daviess-----	297	13	Fountain-----	158	38
Bear Lake-----	62	6	Johnson-----	68	7	Franklin-----	189	17
Benevolence-----	87	20	Kane-----	1,708	637	Fulton-----	126	31
Bingham-----	184	54	Kankakee-----	669	206	Gibson-----	189	51
Blaine-----	48	17	Kendall-----	149	42	Grant-----	699	316
Boise-----	17	-				Greene-----	259	98
Bonner-----	221	62				Hamilton-----	494	121
Bonneville-----	892	187				Hancock-----	289	157
			Knox-----	522	205			
Boundary-----	140	15	Lake-----	3,745	595	Harrison-----	156	31
Butte-----	19	8	La Salle-----	840	226	Hendricks-----	258	81
Camac-----	6	8	Lawrence-----	341	35	Henry-----	392	155
Canyon-----	51.7	259	Lee-----	262	65	Howard-----	600	254
Caribou-----	48	14	Livingston-----	255	49	Huntington-----	288	62
Caosia-----	136	68				Jackson-----	281	84
Clark-----	17	-	Logan-----	231	40	Jasper-----	164	22
Clearwater-----	62	34	McDonough-----	248	60	Jay-----	279	54
Custer-----	11	4	McHenry-----	739	171	Jefferson-----	191	63
Elmore-----	121	11	McLean-----	629	180	Jennings-----	140	157
			Macon-----	894	307			
Franklin-----	111	12	Macoupin-----	302	52	Johnson-----	339	132
Fremont-----	87	6	Madison-----	2,007	653	Knox-----	324	175
Gem-----	63	33	Marion-----	329	83	Kosciusko-----	360	81
Gooding-----	76	343	Marshall-----	102	9	Lagrange-----	202	28
Idaho-----	118	34	Mason-----	143	23	Lake-----	4,388	1,662
Jefferson-----	68	12				La Porte-----	783	314
Jerome-----	89	18	Mascac-----	376	47	Lawrence-----	388	80
Kootenai-----	4,176	199	Menard-----	83	9	Madison-----	1,163	429
Latah-----	170	61	Mercer-----	178	26	Marion-----	5,744	2,864
Lemhi-----	104	35	Monroe-----	396	11	Marshall-----	260	69
			Montgomery-----	260	89			
Lewis-----	37	5	Morgan-----	333	70	Martin-----	77	8
Lincoln-----	31	20	Moultrie-----	82	27	Miami-----	377	115
Madison-----	54	37	Ogle-----	320	91	Monroe-----	507	160
Minidoka-----	111	42	Peoria-----	1,607	608	Montgomery-----	234	57
Nez Perce-----	538	197	Perry-----	215	29	Morgan-----	308	87
Oneida-----	68	1				Newton-----	96	47
Owyhee-----	55	1	Platt-----	104	28	Noble-----	247	65
Fayette-----	154	41	Pike-----	170	42	Ohio-----	37	8
Power-----	35	1	Pope-----	52	9	Orange-----	129	45
Shoshone-----	228	105	Pulaski-----	83	23	Owen-----	125	15
			Putnam-----	40	4			
Teton-----	22	-	Randolph-----	231	39	Parke-----	133	62
Twin Falls-----	448	138	Richland-----	125	25	Perry-----	124	37
Valley-----	38	1	Rock Island-----	1,566	510	Pike-----	105	23
Washington-----	195	12	St. Clair-----	3,210	357	Porter-----	511	203
Yellowstone National Park (part)-----	-	-	Saline-----	195	78	Posey-----	105	162
						Pulaski-----	107	13
ILLINOIS-----	88,692	25,973	Sangamon-----	1,274	322	Putnam-----	176	60
Adams-----	565	155	Schuyler-----	87	6	Randolph-----	288	65
Alexander-----	190	35	Scott-----	60	7	Ripley-----	214	56
Bond-----	103	15	Shelby-----	165	16	Rush-----	180	74
Boone-----	240	41	Stark-----	47	7			
Brown-----	52	5	Stephenson-----	352	97	St. Joseph-----	1,856	1,775
Bureau-----	270	42	Tazewell-----	608	220	Scott-----	155	29
Calhoun-----	66	6	Union-----	150	33	Shelby-----	298	119
Carroll-----	174	49	Vermilion-----	1,003	276	Spencer-----	130	34
Cass-----	114	29	Wabash-----	198	20	Starke-----	155	22
Champaign-----	951	243				Steuben-----	781	41
			Warren-----	225	25	Sullivan-----	177	170
Christian-----	302	82	Washington-----	117	7	Switzerland-----	38	15
Clark-----	238	26	Wayne-----	176	28	Tipton-----	650	391
Clay-----	140	11	White-----	227	51			
Clinton-----	166	13	Whiteside-----	575	137	Tipton-----	101	30
Colfax-----	371	131	Will-----	1,395	259	Union-----	260	10
Cook-----	42,715	15,720	Williamson-----	413	127	Vanderburgh-----	995	1,205
Crawford-----	171	39	Winnebago-----	1,861	577	Vermillion-----	144	44
Cumberland-----	80	17	Woodford-----	189	18	Vigo-----	909	1,348
De Kalb-----	404	113				Wabash-----	310	76
De Witt-----	151	32	INDIANA-----	42,261	15,241	Warren-----	71	8
			Adams-----	240	79	Warrick-----	123	62
Douglas-----	151	22	Allen-----	1,809	625			
Du Page-----	1,840	374	Bartholomew-----	379	155	Washington-----	163	36
Edgar-----	229	47	Benton-----	83	34	Wayne-----	1,283	305
Edward-----	71	8	Blackford-----	124	37	Wells-----	146	24
Erlingham-----	234	22	Boone-----	248	51	White-----	166	49
Fayette-----	176	35	Brown-----	61	12	Whitley-----	173	91
Ford-----	138	25	Carroll-----	178	31	County not stated-----	34	-
Franklin-----	401	108	Cass-----	330	82			
Fulton-----	333	90	Clark-----	1,849	1,204	IOWA-----	21,962	4,777
Gallatin-----	2,014	17				Adair-----	75	6
			Clay-----	207	66	Adams-----	57	7
Greene-----	128	25	Clinton-----	270	101	Allamakee-----	210	11
Grundy-----	175	45	Crawford-----	92	22	Appanoose-----	111	18
Hamilton-----	75	14	Daviess-----	238	37	Audubon-----	53	5
Hancock-----	231	22	Dearborn-----	553	195	Benton-----	134	19
Hardin-----	115	26	Decatur-----	172	16	Black Hawk-----	763	301
Henderson-----	90	13	De Kalb-----	280	52	Boone-----	179	36
Henry-----	355	50	Delaware-----	1,037	407	Bremer-----	155	12
Iroquois-----	271	40	Dubuois-----	203	18	Buchanan-----	159	24
Jackson-----	421	90	Elkhart-----	941	362			
Jasper-----	79	7						

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AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
IOWA—Con.			KANSAS	16,249	5,150	KANSAS—Con.		
Buena Vista	126	37	Allen	121	36	Scott	41	5
Butler	107	9	Anderson	73	8	Sedgwick	2,346	1,192
Calhoun	92	21	Atchison	145	42	Seward	121	54
Carroll	164	15	Barber	83	15	Shawnee	1,164	570
Cass	133	29	Barton	244	67	Sheridan	38	2
Cedar	94	20	Bourbon	120	59	Sherman	57	13
Cerro Gordo	1,032	90	Brown	105	11	Smith	66	9
Cherokee	105	26	Butler	230	71	Stafford	49	7
Chickasaw	1,002	12	Chase	35	8	Stanton	7	3
Clarke	71	19	Chautauqua	92	14	Stevens	37	9
Clay	123	25	Cherokee	211	82	Sumner	215	37
Clayton	191	21	Cheyenne	32	1	Thomas	60	9
Clinton	566	118	Clark	29	4	Trego	45	2
Crawford	129	9	Clay	72	21	Wabaunsee	40	-
Dallas	141	36	Cloud	100	16	Wallace	14	3
Davis	61	8	Coffey	59	8	Washington	97	10
Decatur	74	17	Comanche	29	3	Wichita	18	2
Delaware	127	12	Cowley	233	106	Wilson	82	35
Des Moines	322	97	Crawford	252	68	Woodson	35	7
Dickinson	92	17	Decatur	48	6	Wyandotte	1,480	599
Dubuque	1,179	72	Dickinson	147	43			
Emmet	95	18	Doniphan	141	17	KENTUCKY	26,185	97,467
Fayette	185	30	Douglas	391	95	Adair	81	43
Floyd	123	26	Edwards	33	5	Allen	82	27
Franklin	106	11	Ellis	36	4	Anderson	92	26
Fremont	96	19	Ellsworth	154	9	Ballard	49	15
Greene	94	19	Finney	72	13	Barren	162	83
Grundy	98	6	Ford	186	36	Bath	94	---
Guthrie	91	26	Franklin	168	31	Bell	235	115
Hamilton	123	22	Geary	343	105	Boone	159	28
Hancock	88	7	Gove	36	3	Bourbon	170	45
Hardin	132	19	Graham	29	9	Boyd	682	139
Harrison	160	26	Grant	22	8	Boyle	192	43
Henry	118	22	Gray	47	2	Bracken	70	15
Howard	122	8	Greeley	12	2	Breathitt	166	51
Humboldt	87	10	Greenwood	81	22	Breckinridge	16	42
Ida	58	7	Hamilton	27	7	Bullitt	163	24
Iowa	108	5	Harper	59	15	Butler	74	16
Jackson	146	28	Harrow	264	34	Caldwell	86	76
Jasper	244	56	Haskell	22	5	Calloway	154	31
Jefferson	132	31	Hodgensar	20	-	Campbell	2,197	171
Johnson	488	90	Jackson	87	15	Carlisle	34	11
Jones	144	20	Jefferson	106	13	Carroll	145	---
Keokuk	118	10	Jewell	41	2	Carter	242	51
Kossuth	170	19	Johnson	658	251	Casey	92	37
Lee	330	87	Kearney	31	3	Christian	415	85
Lee	85	370	Kingman	90	7	Clark	293	61
Linn	885	570	Kiowa	26	4	Clay	255	77
Louis	59	11	Labette	211	52	Clinton	35	27
Lucas	20	77	Lane	15	4	Crittenden	34	17
Iyon	115	4	Leavenworth	356	106	Cumberland	25	10
Madison	96	13	Lincoln	49	7	Davies	514	170
Mahaska	167	52	Linn	54	11	Edmonson	56	14
Marion	189	44	Logan	37	5	Elliott	46	10
Marshall	255	73	Lyon	192	50	Estill	127	53
Mills	174	23	McPherson	88	27	Fayette	759	420
Mitchell	112	4	Marion	168	15	Fleming	115	14
Monona	101	18	Marshall	183	16	Floyd	244	58
Monroe	54	11	Meade	45	4	Franklin	252	---
Montgomery	108	23	Miami	136	28	Fulton	114	---
Muscataine	266	98	Mitchell	68	8	Gallatin	44	12
O'Brien	122	12	Montgomery	335	106	Garrard	90	6
Osceola	69	13	Morris	62	10	Grant	127	11
Page	149	32	Morton	14	3	Graves	232	83
Palo Alto	114	10	Nemaha	86	4	Grayson	151	35
Plymouth	134	17	Neosho	132	41	Green	80	2
Pocahontas	98	7	Ness	44	6	Greenup	513	83
Polk	1,912	880	Norton	77	21	Hancock	62	---
Pottawattmie	772	247	Osage	111	19	Hardin	431	200
Poweshiek	109	10	Osborne	42	5	Harlan	290	128
Ringgold	45	9	Ottawa	50	3	Harrison	122	29
Sac	106	9	Pawnee	75	20	Hart	90	---
Scott	809	305	Phillips	80	10	Henderson	220	136
Shelby	110	13	Pottawatomie	87	15	Henry	82	34
Sioux	207	9	Pratt	92	34	Hickman	35	18
Story	272	59	Rawlins	40	5	Hopkins	163	142
Tama	97	13	Reno	492	172	Jackson	121	45
Taylor	67	9	Republic	81	8	Jefferson	4,024	1,793
Union	92	19	Rice	111	18	Jessamine	147	20
Van Buren	71	8	Riley	243	69	Johnson	271	50
Wapello	314	137	Rooks	66	15	Kenton	1,460	597
Warren	151	10	Rush	52	6	Knott	130	42
Washington	118	11	Russell	102	8	Knox	187	22
Wayne	56	10	Saline	371	199	Larue	70	27
Webster	322	61				Laurel	217	67
Winnebago	107	12				Lawrence	160	---
Winneshiek	178	21				Lee	64	31
Woodbury	650	271				Leslie	60	13
Worth	483	8				Letcher	184	69
Wright	107	20				Levis	199	42
						Lincoln	144	25
						Livingston	40	13

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AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments		
KENTUCKY--Con.			LOUISIANA ^a --Con.			MICHIGAN ^b -----				
Logan-----	145	40	Ouachita-----	621	231	Alcona-----	55	8		
Lyon-----	39	9	Plaquemines-----	135	24	Alger-----	67	10		
McCracken-----	398	179	Pointe Coupee-----	188	10	Allegan-----	424	74		
McCreary-----	110	26	Rapides-----	867	190	Alpena-----	205	45		
McLean-----	110	18	Red River-----	96	14	Antrim-----	74	12		
Madison-----	307	62	Richland-----	173	21	Arenac-----	85	10		
Magoffin-----	127	37	Sabine-----	118	26	Baraga-----	54	8		
Marion-----	146	18	St. Bernard-----	918	---	Barry-----	258	62		
Marshall-----	138	47	St. Charles-----	132	15	Bay-----	825	176		
Martin-----	153	20	St. Helena-----	56	3	Benzie-----	77	14		
Macon-----	322	34	St. James-----	145	---	Berrien-----	1,775	377		
Meade-----	94	9	St. John the Baptist-----	134	21	Branch-----	372	53		
Menifee-----	54	9	St. Landry-----	640	---	Calhoun-----	1,215	418		
Mercer-----	123	---	St. Martin-----	244	9	Cass-----	315	66		
Metcalfe-----	24	19	St. Mary-----	437	61	Charlevoix-----	126	22		
Monroe-----	48	---	St. Tammany-----	262	70	Cheboygan-----	109	20		
Montgomery-----	181	48	Tangipahoa-----	497	113	Chippewa-----	335	45		
Morgan-----	164	31	Tensas-----	65	26	Clare-----	122	19		
Muhlberg-----	214	80	Terrebonne-----	488	66	Clinton-----	246	44		
Nelson-----	140	17	Union-----	19	21	Crawford-----	60	6		
Nicholas-----	48	6	Vermilion-----	304	45	Delta-----	283	35		
Ohio-----	125	29	Vernon-----	32	38	Dickinson-----	186	22		
Oldham-----	131	---	Washington-----	379	---	Eaton-----	412	103		
Owen-----	54	12	Webster-----	50	73	Emmet-----	153	29		
Owsley-----	61	14	West Baton Rouge-----	136	20	Genesee-----	3,090	1,094		
Owensboro-----	108	27	West Carroll-----	129	---	Gladwin-----	84	21		
Perry-----	281	67	West Feliciana-----	75	---	Gogebic-----	267	22		
Pike-----	377	154	Winn-----	133	32	Grand Traverse-----	289	50		
Powell-----	57	---	Parish not stated-----	23	---	Gratiot-----	309	57		
Pulaski-----	317	122	MAINE-----			7,908	2,027	Hilledale-----	415	60
Robertson-----	24	---	Androscoggin-----	686	156	Houghton-----	248	20		
Rockcastle-----	128	33	Aroostook-----	653	131	Huron-----	243	26		
Rowan-----	180	40	Cumberland-----	1,619	474	Ingham-----	2,128	635		
Russell-----	99	5	Franklin-----	198	46	Ionia-----	307	80		
Scott-----	148	35	Hancock-----	283	80	Iosco-----	186	35		
Shelby-----	201	60	Kennebec-----	697	185	Iron-----	132	12		
Simpson-----	224	36	Knox-----	227	73	Isabella-----	343	61		
Spencer-----	53	8	Lincoln-----	137	42	Jackson-----	1,158	435		
Taylor-----	150	43	Oxford-----	323	64	Kalamazoo-----	1,494	473		
Todd-----	77	17	Penobscot-----	1,079	255	Kalkaska-----	31	7		
Trigg-----	64	7	Piscataquis-----	139	47	Kent-----	2,994	594		
Trimble-----	106	11	Sagadahoc-----	209	76	Keveenaw-----	19	---		
Union-----	81	50	Somerset-----	339	72	Lake-----	28	10		
Warren-----	287	143	Waldo-----	175	73	Lapeer-----	307	89		
Washington-----	107	9	Washington-----	259	63	Leelanau-----	43	11		
Wayne-----	97	41	York-----	885	190	Lenawee-----	651	158		
Webster-----	50	46	MARYLAND-----			39,977	5,296	Livingston-----	279	76
Whitley-----	236	48	Allegany-----	2,348	160	Luce-----	74	9		
Wolfe-----	64	36	Anne Arundel-----	1,463	273	Macdonac-----	89	20		
Woodford-----	112	27	Baltimore-----	3,141	633	Macomb-----	2,347	849		
LOUISIANA ^a -----	24,057	5,142	Baltimore (Independent city)-----	9,261	2,363	Manistee-----	153	34		
Acadia-----	539	69	Calvert-----	109	17	Marquette-----	456	71		
Allen-----	172	11	Caroline-----	389	20	Mason-----	170	38		
Ascension-----	227	29	Carroll-----	673	43	Macosta-----	197	37		
Ansumption-----	138	19	Cecil-----	7,231	74	Menominee-----	324	24		
Avoyelles-----	396	70	Charles-----	507	27	Midland-----	363	87		
Beauregard-----	154	---	Dorchester-----	244	52	Missaukee-----	63	3		
Bienville-----	118	25	Frederick-----	934	112	Monroe-----	2,856	111		
Bossier-----	478	---	Garrett-----	1,694	23	Montcalm-----	305	71		
Caddo-----	1,466	1,250	Harford-----	1,287	85	Montmorency-----	30	6		
Calcasieu-----	987	276	Howard-----	608	35	Muskegon-----	1,227	343		
Caldwell-----	70	23	Kent-----	190	40	Newaygo-----	196	35		
Cameron-----	44	2	Montgomery-----	2,799	327	Oakland-----	4,332	1,505		
Catahoula-----	102	28	Prince Georges-----	2,654	614	Oceana-----	141	35		
Claiborne-----	114	---	Queen Annes-----	163	26	Ogemaw-----	97	7		
Concordia-----	155	---	St. Marys-----	309	46	Ontonagon-----	82	21		
De Soto-----	111	---	Somerset-----	267	23	Osceola-----	127	18		
East Baton Rouge-----	1,541	430	Talbot-----	259	26	Oscoda-----	41	8		
East Carroll-----	97	20	Washington-----	2,408	117	Otsego-----	59	7		
East Feliciana-----	110	16	Wicomico-----	582	116	Ottawa-----	775	101		
Evangeline-----	341	59	Worcester-----	457	42	Presque Isle-----	100	16		
Franklin-----	149	52	MASSACHUSETTS-----			35,614	5,836	Roscommon-----	67	22
Grant-----	135	15	Barnstable-----	526	139	Saginaw-----	1,458	325		
Iberia-----	454	---	Berkshire-----	872	253	St. Clair-----	956	247		
Jackson-----	136	54	Bristol-----	3,203	535	St. Joseph-----	402	68		
Jefferson-----	1,255	---	Dukes-----	50	13	Sanilac-----	202	22		
Jefferson Davis-----	223	22	Essex-----	3,474	497	Schoolcraft-----	71	10		
Lafayette-----	571	54	Franklin-----	3,577	60	Shiawassee-----	429	100		
Lafourche-----	456	55	Hampden-----	2,627	685	Shuscola-----	300	41		
La Salle-----	83	16	Hampshire-----	568	123	Van Buren-----	425	94		
Lincoln-----	269	1	Middlesex-----	7,654	1,131	Washtenaw-----	1,448	390		
Livingston-----	313	25	Nantucket-----	29	8	Wayne-----	19,953	5,701		
Madison-----	136	44	Norfolk-----	2,998	229	Wexford-----	189	41		
Morehouse-----	220	36	Plymouth-----	1,575	341	MINNESOTA-----				
Hatchitchee-----	196	---	Surfolk-----	6,033	1,098	Aitkin-----	85	11		
Orleans-----	4,400	1,310	Worcester-----	5,648	724	Anoka-----	444	94		
						Becker-----	163	22		

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MINNESOTA—Con.			MISSISSIPPI-----	21,610	5,213	MISSOURI—Con.		
Beltrami-----	218	27	Adams-----	542	133	Audrain-----	223	60
Benton-----	136	10	Alcorn-----	727	75	Barry-----	150	37
Big Stone-----	74	4	Amite-----	110	17	Barton-----	99	24
Blue Earth-----	304	41	Attala-----	192	39	Bates-----	126	30
Brown-----	178	14	Benton-----	61	14	Benton-----	61	10
Carlton-----	261	41	Bolivar-----	456	98	Bollinger-----	---	---
Carver-----	147	13	Calhoun-----	127	31	Boone-----	408	114
Cass-----	93	20	Carroll-----	66	17			
Chippewa-----	114	9	Chickasaw-----	176	21	Buchanan-----	757	357
Chisago-----	92	5	Choctaw-----	74	7	Butler-----	445	131
						Caldwell-----	42	5
Clay-----	354	57	Claiborne-----	64	26	Callaway-----	139	40
Clearwater-----	72	4	Clarke-----	153	28	Camden-----	---	---
Cook-----	30	4	Clay-----	156	39	Cape Girardeau-----	416	101
Cottonwood-----	96	12	Coahoma-----	396	93	Carroll-----	95	22
Crow Wing-----	200	45	Copiah-----	193	70	Carter-----	32	7
Dakota-----	450	108	Covington-----	140	24	Cass-----	376	88
Dodge-----	80	12	De Soto-----	1,107	41	Cedar-----	43	20
Douglas-----	114	16	Forrest-----	539	220			
Fairbault-----	186	16	Franklin-----	71	16	Chariton-----	87	21
Fillmore-----	319	14	George-----	190	21	Christian-----	124	9
						Clark-----	178	23
Freeborn-----	257	36	Greene-----	90	15	Clay-----	424	217
Goodhue-----	189	32	Grenada-----	164	40	Clinton-----	91	27
Grant-----	48	2	Hancock-----	416	45	Cole-----	406	70
Hennepin-----	6,179	1,598	Harrison-----	1,486	589	Cooper-----	132	12
Houston-----	170	8	Hinds-----	1,492	580	Crawford-----	119	41
Hubbard-----	71	16	Holmes-----	199	42	Dade-----	37	13
Isanti-----	69	4	Humphreys-----	134	29	Dallas-----	90	23
Itasca-----	291	64	Issaquena-----	20	4			
Jackson-----	180	9	Itawamba-----	156	30	Daviess-----	58	21
Kanabec-----	57	9	Jackson-----	674	153	De Kalb-----	35	3
						Dent-----	124	27
Kandiyohi-----	175	11	Jasper-----	139	24	Douglas-----	103	7
Kittson-----	61	1	Jefferson-----	70	21	Dunklin-----	463	94
Koochiching-----	160	37	Jefferson Davis-----	110	11	Franklin-----	403	89
Lac qui Parle-----	63	5	Jones-----	543	150	Gasconade-----	94	10
Lake-----	92	15	Kemper-----	86	16	Gentry-----	52	10
Lake of the Woods-----	28	6	Lafayette-----	130	32	Greene-----	992	509
Le Sueur-----	133	10				Grundy-----	123	39
Lincoln-----	49	3	Lamar-----	153	20			
Lyon-----	153	14	Lauderdale-----	602	180	Harrison-----	135	12
McLeod-----	179	13	Lawrence-----	96	28	Henry-----	165	61
			Leake-----	143	40	Hickory-----	27	1
Mahnomen-----	52	10	Lee-----	371	98	Holt-----	31	2
Marshall-----	88	9	Leflore-----	417	79	Howard-----	74	17
Martin-----	220	21				Howell-----	206	41
Meeker-----	127	14	Lincoln-----	226	52	Iron-----	81	16
Mille Lacs-----	99	3	Lowndes-----	386	106	Jackson-----	5,820	2,680
Morrison-----	187	13	Madison-----	251	97	Jasper-----	725	344
Mower-----	337	54	Marion-----	217	59	Jefferson-----	240	112
Murray-----	87	5	Marshall-----	248	47			
Nicollet-----	128	19	Monroe-----	271	84	Johnson-----	239	56
Nobles-----	175	17	Montgomery-----	119	23	Knox-----	31	6
			Neshoba-----	209	66	Laclede-----	212	45
Norman-----	76	10	Newton-----	178	32	Lafayette-----	224	34
Olmsted-----	541	80	Noxubee-----	116	14	Lawrence-----	168	41
Otter Tail-----	275	37				Lewis-----	82	15
Pennington-----	105	15	Oktibbeha-----	146	26	Lincoln-----	119	27
Pine-----	263	5	Panola-----	233	58	Linn-----	120	24
Pipestone-----	303	6	Pearl River-----	280	81	Livingston-----	164	53
Polk-----	346	35	Perry-----	79	14	McDonald-----	117	49
Pope-----	51	6	Pike-----	310	91			
Ramsey-----	2,636	730	Pontotoc-----	150	41	Macon-----	119	42
Red Lake-----	38	2	Prentiss-----	194	50	Madison-----	98	9
			Quitman-----	197	31	Maries-----	57	12
Redwood-----	133	11	Rankin-----	314	60	Martins-----	285	25
Renville-----	130	9	Scott-----	227	49	Marcus-----	127	5
Rice-----	226	21	Sharkey-----	90	14	Miller-----	133	14
Rock-----	296	2	Simpson-----	196	42	Mississippi-----	251	56
Roseau-----	84	3	Smith-----	120	30	Monteau-----	2	---
St. Louis-----	1,595	332	Stone-----	75	18	Monroe-----	45	---
Scott-----	124	17	Sunflower-----	378	52	Montgomery-----	105	17
Sherburne-----	79	3	Tallahatchie-----	193	27			
Sibley-----	94	3	Tate-----	193	26	Morgan-----	53	9
Stearns-----	511	46	Tippah-----	181	17	New Madrid-----	268	103
			Tishomingo-----	181	30	Newton-----	260	96
Steele-----	154	39	Tunica-----	113	21	Nodaway-----	199	22
Stevens-----	86	4				Oregon-----	61	6
Swift-----	104	6	Union-----	174	33	Osage-----	66	---
Todd-----	139	8	Walthall-----	117	20	Ozark-----	---	20
Traverse-----	75	3	Warren-----	407	149	Pemiscot-----	406	110
Wabasha-----	111	4	Washington-----	777	205	Perry-----	138	13
Wadena-----	94	9	Wayne-----	122	47	Pettis-----	249	112
Waseca-----	61	13	Webster-----	80	11			
Washington-----	347	50	Wilkinson-----	293	29	Phelps-----	244	60
Watsonwan-----	87	10	Winston-----	125	32	Pike-----	174	40
			Yalobusha-----	112	15	Platte-----	124	50
Wildkin-----	77	7	Yazoo-----	260	60	Folk-----	127	29
Winona-----	292	30	Yazoo not stated-----	42	-	Pulaski-----	386	99
Wright-----	168	9				Putnam-----	135	10
Yellow Medicine-----	88	8	MISSOURI-----	34,890	511,633	Ralls-----	132	16
			Adair-----	217	51	Randolph-----	173	44
			Andrew-----	116	13	Ray-----	110	34
			Atchison-----	125	21	Reynolds-----	33	7

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AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
MISSOURI—Con.			NEBRASKA-----	10,976	2,373	NEBRASKA—Con.		
Ripley-----	81	23	Adams-----	185	32	Valley-----	39	5
St. Charles-----	549	87	Antelope-----	60	5	Washington-----	118	19
St. Clair-----	67	10	Arthur-----	3	-	Wayne-----	50	4
St. Francois-----	321	122	Banner-----	28	-	Webster-----	46	2
St. Louis-----	3,020	1,305	Blaine-----	2	-	Wheeler-----	6	1
St. Louis (independent city)-----	7,244	2,529	Boone-----	47	4	York-----	127	15
Sto. Genevieve-----	70	7	Box Butte-----	80	19			
Saline-----	215	49	Boyd-----	37	5	NEVADA-----	863,967	8,223
Schuyler-----	136	9	Brown-----	28	13	Churchill-----	195	79
Scotland-----	72	5	Ruffalo-----	171	41	Clark-----	29,492	3,407
			Burt-----	52	4	Douglas-----	1,018	88
Scott-----	314	71	Butler-----	63	3	Elko-----	2,132	110
Shannon-----	35	1	Cass-----	178	31	Esmeralda-----	71	3
Shelby-----	46	14	Cedar-----	88	2	Eureka-----	42	8
Stoddard-----	316	73	Chase-----	19	5	Humboldt-----	709	54
Stone-----	97	23	Cherry-----	97	12	Lander-----	10	6
Sullivan-----	71	14	Cheyenne-----	57	26	Lincoln-----	108	15
Taney-----	60	14	Clay-----	42	5	Lyon-----	83	21
Texas-----	145	41	Colfax-----	62	3	Mineral-----	274	50
Vernon-----	183	33	Cuming-----	68	3	Nye-----	231	45
Warren-----	92	9				Ormsby-----	6,478	311
			Custer-----	98	23	Pershing-----	102	17
Washington-----	11	-	Dakota-----	316	24	Storey-----	387	16
Wayne-----	56	26	Dawes-----	63	16	Washoe-----	22,241	3,893
Webster-----	114	47	Dawson-----	154	32	White Pine-----	394	100
Worth-----	41	5	Deuel-----	20	5			
Wright-----	100	18	Dixon-----	53	5	NEW HAMPSHIRE-----	7,347	1,126
			Dodge-----	231	77	Bellmap-----	263	70
MONTANA-----	5,635	2,034	Douglas-----	2,579	935	Carroll-----	169	28
			Dundy-----	23	6	Cheshire-----	620	97
Beaverhead-----	44	35	Fillmore-----	50	6	Coos-----	270	49
Big Horn-----	74	29				Grafton-----	390	114
Blaine-----	52	11	Franklin-----	43	6	Hillsborough-----	1,987	262
Broadwater-----	28	16	Frontier-----	22	1	Merrimack-----	621	120
Carbon-----	103	22	Furnas-----	46	10	Rockingham-----	2,276	198
Carter-----	10	6	Gage-----	196	30	Strafford-----	512	119
Cascade-----	651	174	Garden-----	25	3	Sullivan-----	239	69
Chouteau-----	102	20	Garfield-----	26	2			
Custer-----	139	31	Gosper-----	29	2	NEW JERSEY-----	40,699	5,124
Danield-----	24	3	Grant-----	4	-	Atlantic-----	1,158	192
			Greenlee-----	25	1	Bergen-----	4,503	553
Dawson-----	120	19	Hall-----	276	53	Burlington-----	1,198	184
Deer Lodge-----	111	65				Camden-----	2,843	406
Fallon-----	27	9	Hamilton-----	54	2	Cape May-----	375	60
Forge-----	127	39	Harlan-----	26	5	Cumberland-----	789	168
Flathead-----	249	93	Hayes-----	6	-	Essex-----	7,516	884
Gallatin-----	194	61	Hitchcock-----	36	1	Gloucester-----	834	139
Garfield-----	10	-	Holt-----	120	6	Hudson-----	4,843	527
Glacier-----	51	41	Hooker-----	17	-	Hunterdon-----	309	34
Golden Valley-----	5	-	Howard-----	40	4			
Granite-----	22	7	Jefferson-----	150	10	Mercer-----	1,823	271
			Johnson-----	23	5	Middlesex-----	2,306	313
Hill-----	143	61	Kearney-----	46	2	Monmouth-----	2,090	225
Jefferson-----	74	5				Morris-----	1,419	150
Judith Basin-----	19	9	Keith-----	61	16	Ocean-----	721	61
Lake-----	75	37	Keya Paha-----	3	-	Passaic-----	2,638	318
Levis and Clark-----	240	109	Kimball-----	66	13	Salem-----	367	76
Liberty-----	18	-	Kinball-----	79	5			
			Knox-----	69	5	Somerset-----	776	112
Lincoln-----	72	32	Lancaster-----	1,069	403	Sussex-----	370	33
McCone-----	16	4	Lincoln-----	189	63	Union-----	3,121	377
Madison-----	27	13	Logan-----	11	1	Warren-----	418	41
Maize-----	24	11	Loup-----	8	1	Military establishments-----	282	-
Mineral-----	60	6	McPherson-----	5	1	State institutions-----	-	-
Miscoull-----	395	210	Madison-----	162	28			
Musselshell-----	50	26				NEW MEXICO ⁵ -----	11,825	3,220
Park-----	114	62	Merrick-----	56	10	Bernalillo-----	2,362	1,188
Petroleum-----	7	3	Morrill-----	55	10	Catron-----	20	4
Phillips-----	49	6	Nance-----	40	8	Chaves-----	621	362
			Nemaha-----	75	12	Colfax-----	700	13
Pondera-----	53	21	Nuckolls-----	49	8	Curry-----	614	182
Powder River-----	13	1	Otoe-----	172	23	De Baca-----	45	6
Powell-----	57	17	Pawnee-----	32	2	Dona Ana-----	1,212	183
Prairie-----	19	2	Perkins-----	25	2	Eddy-----	601	154
Ravalli-----	85	30	Phelps-----	64	9	Grant-----	267	54
Richland-----	147	19	Pierce-----	43	4	Guadalupe-----	72	53
Roosevelt-----	98	74						
Rosebud-----	33	10	Platte-----	180	22	Harding-----	10	-
Sanders-----	33	19	Polk-----	35	3	Hidalgo-----	606	16
Sheridan-----	76	13	Red Willow-----	109	22	Lea-----	583	222
			Richardson-----	17	1	Lincoln-----	5103	24
Silver Bow-----	318	161	Rock-----	17	1	Los Alamos-----	48	-
Stillwater-----	78	12	Saline-----	94	10	Luna-----	167	36
Sweet Grass-----	36	10	Sarpy-----	699	42	McKinley-----	274	54
Teton-----	59	4	Saunders-----	163	11	Mora-----	41	10
Toole-----	106	38	Scotts Bluff-----	324	62	Otero-----	365	147
Treasure-----	7	2	Seward-----	127	14	Quay-----	238	48
Valley-----	121	27						
Wheatland-----	25	6	Sheridan-----	77	8	Rio Arriba-----	163	-
Wibaux-----	20	-	Sherman-----	26	4	Roosevelt-----	177	45
Yellowstone-----	725	293	Sioux-----	14	-	Sandoval-----	225	20
Yellowstone National Park (part)-	-	-	Stanton-----	28	2	San Juan-----	464	151
			Thayer-----	99	8	San Miguel-----	217	59
			Thomas-----	10	3	Santa Fe-----	559	-
			Thurston-----	41	1	Sierra-----	79	45

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NEW MEXICO—Con.			NORTH CAROLINA—Con.			NORTH DAKOTA		
Socorro	115	36	Carteret	209	38	Adams	28	8
Taos	310	35	Caswell	121	9	Barnes	130	26
Torrance	60	11	Catawba	398	97	Benson	44	8
Union	---	---	Chatham	160	23	Billinge	9	1
Valencia	507	112	Cherokee	120	11	Bottineau	63	8
NEW YORK			Chowan	---	15	Bowman	25	5
Albany	1,783	191	Clay	24	---	Burke	35	6
Allegany	266	16	Cleveland	232	62	Burleigh	279	48
Broome	1,360	145	Columbus	155	51	Cass	476	106
Cattaraugus	650	59	Craven	561	83	Cavalier	61	1
Cayuga	448	23	Cumberland	686	206	Dickey	52	7
Chautauque	1,328	69	Currituck	197	1	Divide	42	6
Chemung	648	73	Dare	60	5	Dunn	23	3
Chenango	320	43	Davidson	520	97	Eddy	20	5
Clinton	631	22	Davie	120	12	Emmons	46	2
Columbia	505	26	Duplin	277	68	Foster	33	2
Cortland	382	17	Durham	792	252	Golden Valley	27	---
Delaware	514	17	Edgecombe	7305	36	Grand Forks	304	94
Dutchess	1,189	56	Forsyth	1,104	310	Grant	29	1
Essex	6,595	621	Franklin	212	25	Griggs	27	3
Franklin	240	17	Gaston	372	203	Hettinger	33	5
Fulton	305	14	Gates	71	3	Kidder	29	1
Genesee	296	53	Graham	109	6	La Moure	41	5
Greene	468	38	Granville	199	23	Logan	33	---
Hamilton	218	8	Greene	121	9	McHenry	46	2
	32	3				McIntosh	43	4
						McKenzie	31	0
Herkimer	414	29	Guilford	2,001	499	McLean	74	8
Jefferson	681	42	Halifax	894	65	Mercer	64	4
Lewis	150	14	Harnett	257	52	Morton	171	17
Livingston	292	14	Haywood	293	37	Mountrail	57	4
Madison	379	49	Henderson	249	60	Nelson	41	4
Monroe	3,697	297	Hertford	199	33	Oliver	13	1
Montgomery	334	83	Hoke	28	14	Pembina	80	7
Nassau	5,841	145	Hyde	26	1	Pierce	64	3
New York City	66,258	2,380	Iredell	330	61	Ramsey	88	23
Bronx (Bronx Borough)	9,192	414	Jackson	84	11	Ransom	53	2
Kings (Brooklyn Borough)	16,164	604	Johnston	489	74	Renville	23	---
New York (Manhattan Borough)	29,532	849	Jones	67	11	Richland	109	9
Queens (Queens Borough)	10,092	446	Lee	168	42	Rolette	92	0
Richmond (Richmond Borough)	1,278	67	Lenoir	453	96	Sargent	47	1
Niagara	1,760	214	Lincoln	114	27	Sheridan	34	1
Oneida	1,646	129	McDowell	181	34	Sioux	29	3
Onondaga	2,619	341	Macon	102	15	Slope	8	1
Ontario	491	34	Madison	172	17	Stark	149	11
Orange	1,325	63	Martin	220	36	Steele	27	2
Orleans	270	9	Mecklenburg	1,041	435	Stutsman	191	25
Oswego	657	36	Mitchell	113	11	Towner	31	---
Otsego	358	42	Montgomery	71	6	Trail	57	15
Putnam	368	8	Moore	164	41	Walsh	137	10
Rensselaer	997	36	Nash	593	192	Ward	473	78
Rockland	730	20	New Hanover	432	154	Wells	62	---
St. Lawrence	766	40	Northampton	88	20	Williams	147	34
Saratoga	544	71	Onslow	497	79	OHIO	66,076	22,420
Schenectady	840	164	Orange	291	42	Adams	162	50
Schoharie	141	3	Pamlico	47	4	Allen	744	271
Schuylar	106	5	Pasquotank	1,678	52	Ashland	270	82
Seneca	199	16	Pender	124	19	Ashtabula	534	184
Steuben	707	75	Perquimans	276	7	Athens	279	78
Suffolk	3,460	75	Person	274	23	Auglaize	203	47
Sullivan	331	36	Pitt	520	81	Belmont	544	156
Tioga	283	11	Folk	43	11	Brown	170	89
Tompkins	514	44	Randolph	356	97	Butler	1,276	656
Ulster	758	40	Richmond	141	57	Carroll	143	34
Warren	338	55	Robeson	164	83	Champaign	211	24
Washington	326	38	Rockingham	960	136	Clark	970	450
Wayne	474	33	Rowan	413	75	Clermont	463	198
Westchester	5,153	155	Rutherford	138	54	Clinton	242	86
Wyoming	246	12	Sampson	206	44	Columbiana	755	215
Yates	119	25	Scotland	54	32	Coshocton	260	69
NORTH CAROLINA			Stanly	284	39	Crawford	334	109
Alamance	624	147	Stokes	37	37	Cuyahoga	11,282	3,223
Alexander	114	6	Surry	433	59	Darke	347	84
Allughany	965	9	Swain	---	15	Defiance	176	52
Anson	59	14	Transylvania	73	9	Delaware	265	74
Ashe	200	13	Tyrrell	30	2	Erie	331	143
Avery	97	10	Union	192	40	Fairfield	495	149
Beaufort	---	61	Vance	419	21	Fayette	201	56
Bertie	213	31	Wake	1,220	256	Franklin	5,165	2,862
Bladen	---	20	Warren	231	11	Fulton	196	29
Brunswick	47	28	Washington	92	9	Gallia	197	50
Buncombe	1,018	358	Watauga	243	18	Geauga	267	84
Burke	311	55	Wayne	578	134	Greene	573	211
Cabarrus	316	142	Wilkes	412	52	Guernsey	257	88
Caldwell	---	97	Wilson	615	122	Hamilton	4,975	1,923
Camden	658	6	Yadkin	213	20	Hancock	389	96
			Yancey	219	14	Hardin	218	57
						Harrison	146	35
						Henry	144	25

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AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments		
OHIO—Con.			OKLAHOMA ¹ —Con.			PENNSYLVANIA—Con.				
Highland	219	75	Key	653	168	Cambria	1,169	136		
Hocking	191	57	Kingfisher	140	38	Cameron	46	5		
Holmes	168	19	Kiowa	123	51	Carbon	352	39		
Huron	363	83	Latimer	68	26	Centre	466	—		
Jackson	224	74	Le Flore	1,114	151	Chester	1,104	241		
Jefferson	652	194	Lincoln	216	66	Clarion	319	30		
Knox	245	73	Logan	310	68	Clearfield	600	60		
Lake	776	374	Love	291	26	Clinton	304	58		
Lawrence	369	138	McClain	143	38	Columbia	352	75		
Licking	627	253	McCurdin	288	126	Crawford	559	90		
Logan	256	80	McIntosh	136	48	Cumberland	688	127		
Lorain	1,164	399	Major	55	16	Dauphin	1,346	342		
Lucas	4,460	1,257	Marshall	163	30	Delaware	4,337	598		
Madison	170	51	Mayer	166	60	Elk	230	23		
Mahoning	1,719	491	Murray	76	48	Erle	1,767	290		
Marion	446	169	Muskogee	446	261	Fayette	845	157		
Medina	394	137	Noble	97	22	Forest	35	5		
Meigs	149	53	Nowata	112	37	Franklin	403	73		
Mercer	198	23	Okluskee	105	43	Fulton	52	4		
Miami	559	163	Oklahoma	3,581	2,651	Greene	215	46		
Monroe	97	21	Oklmulgee	350	149	Huntingdon	245	39		
Montgomery	3,696	1,809	Osage	235	132	Indiana	467	73		
Morgan	104	14	Ottawa	5,656	147	Jefferson	326	51		
Morrow	155	24	Pawnee	129	20	Juniata	118	22		
Muskingum	530	77	Payne	356	108	Lackawanna	1,550	205		
Noble	72	17	Pittsburg	271	165	Lancaster	1,708	372		
Ottawa	224	52	Pontotoc	302	93	Lawrence	822	153		
Paulding	116	20	Pottawatomie	367	162	Lebanon	628	129		
Perry	194	53	Pushmataha	69	52	Lehigh	1,427	249		
Pickaway	251	59	Roger Mills	36	8	Luzerne	2,373	263		
Pike	144	30	Rogers	245	83	Lycoming	721	220		
Portage	518	204	Seminole	272	106	McKean	468	93		
Preble	245	69	Sequoyah	120	96	Mercer	947	149		
Putnam	189	21	Stephens	288	165	Mifflin	307	47		
Richland	837	294	Texas	141	54	Monroe	341	52		
Roos	470	105	Tillman	175	37	Montgomery	2,895	590		
Sandusky	352	96	Tulsa	2,356	2,724	Montour	96	24		
Scioto	726	140	Wagoner	245	57	Northampton	1,357	307		
Seneca	402	104	Washington	308	146	Northumberland	765	148		
Shelby	226	53	Washington	160	44	Perry	183	32		
Starke	2,279	802	Woods	109	28	Philadelphia	11,450	2,729		
Summit	3,300	1,418	Woodward	130	51	Pike	84	15		
Trumbull	1,437	421	OREGON			10,798	6,023	Potter	146	31
Tuacacavan	528	143	Baker	84	37	Schuylkill	1,210	153		
Union	184	50	Benton	214	64	Snyder	183	17		
Van Wert	187	49	Clackamas	640	275	Somerset	393	66		
Vinton	86	13	Clatsop	145	90	Sullivan	58	1		
Warren	423	177	Columbia	115	17	Susquehanna	480	27		
Washington	286	46	Coos	361	201	Tioga	372	76		
Wayne	557	115	Crook	66	20	Union	168	28		
Williams	341	58	Curry	87	36	Venango	407	71		
Wood	410	130	Deschutes	149	105	Warren	364	72		
Wyandot	143	30	Douglas	489	225	Washington	1,292	259		
OKLAHOMA ¹			Gilliam	11	5	Wayne	219	31		
	30,300	11,305	Grant	33	20	Westmoreland	1,574	330		
Adair	896	51	Harney	28	33	Wyoming	151	29		
Alfalfa	78	15	Hood River	84	30	York	1,249	414		
Atoka	118	55	Jackson	430	277	County not stated	39	—		
Beaver	28	25	Jefferson	53	19	RHODE ISLAND				
Beckham	188	66	Josephine	224	138	Bristol	217	13		
Blaine	118	32	Klamath	265	179	Kent	655	97		
Bryan	1,467	110	Lake	32	24	Newport	578	107		
Caddo	266	104	Lane	1,142	625	Providence	3,767	750		
Canadian	559	61	Lincoln	171	62	Washington	423	73		
Carter	489	193	Linn	444	205	SOUTH CAROLINA				
Cherokee	202	83	Malheur	103	34	Abbeville	220	20		
Choctaw	507	83	Marion	888	343	Aiken	1,125	84		
Cimarron	46	15	Morrow	24	8	Allendale	293	5		
Cleveland	479	165	Multnomah	3,020	2,196	Anderson	731	142		
Coal	46	22	Polk	153	64	Bamberg	131	17		
Comanche	966	467	Sherman	7	4	Barnwell	189	12		
Cotton	79	29	Tillamook	104	47	Beaufort	355	45		
Craig	114	48	Umatilla	240	183	Berkley	391	21		
Creek	558	228	Union	110	55	Calhoun	108	4		
Custer	222	63	Wallowa	38	15	Charleston	1,963	379		
Delaware	81	52	Wasco	114	70	Cherokee	2,403	56		
Dewey	52	8	Washington	517	228	Chester	673	22		
Ellis	51	12	Wheeler	12	2	Chesterfield	1,972	23		
Garfield	482	174	Yamhill	201	87	Clarendon	207	8		
Garvin	240	98	PENNSYLVANIA			69,617	13,606	Colleton	237	26
Grady	325	99	Adams	297	18	Darlington	513	93		
Grant	78	17	Allegheny	9,126	2,201	Dillon	4,706	36		
Greer	78	23	Armstrong	499	57	Dorchester	287	8		
Harmon	53	19	Beaver	1,174	216	Edgefield	137	13		
Harper	45	10	Bedford	226	44	Fairfield	195	14		
Haskell	256	37	Berks	1,807	478	Florence	812	94		
Hughes	116	50	Blair	835	142	Georgetown	268	19		
Jackson	249	130	Bradford	443	99	Greenville	2,330	368		
Jefferson	121	31	Bucks	1,717	280	Greenwood	372	54		
Johnston	67	29	Butler	712	105	Hampton	207	15		

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SOUTH CAROLINA—Con.			SOUTH DAKOTA—Con.			TENNESSEE—Con.		
Horry	1,890	107	Turner	89	5	Sevier	355	54
Jasper	935	38	Union	235	—	Shelby	4,268	1,495
Kershaw	330	38	Walworth	71	9	Smith	142	27
Lancaster	718	48	Washburn	—	—	Stewart	54	—
Laurens	390	52	Yankton	180	23	Sullivan	705	207
Lee	240	16	Ziebach	15	1	Sumner	453	10
Lexington	581	71	TENNESSEE			Tipton	300	60
McCormick	255	4		31,666	9,323	Trousdale	159	16
Marion	281	27	Anderson	633	187	Unicoi	122	39
Marlboro	1,935	127	Bedford	193	59	Union	170	14
Newberry	257	13	Benton	79	21	Van Buren	35	3
Oconee	832	38	Bledsoe	51	28	Warren	190	50
Orangeburg	555	56	Blount	470	121	Washington	448	13
Pickens	614	38	Bradley	283	146	Wayne	59	23
Richland	1,841	394	Campbell	1,344	75	Weakley	234	53
Saluda	124	6	Cannon	187	15	White	162	49
Spartanburg	1,519	233	Carroll	200	55	Williamson	325	54
Sumter	660	93	Carter	339	100	Wilson	225	60
Union	278	67	Cheatham	152	12	TEXAS		
Williamsburg	391	11	Chester	91	20	Anderson	240	75
York	4,527	151	Claiborne	428	43	Andrew	121	52
County not stated	19	—	Clay	1,051	7	Angelina	355	107
SOUTH DAKOTA			Coke	225	64	Arasacas	3132	14
Aurora	30	—	Coffee	209	71	Archer	73	17
Beadle	140	28	Crockett	152	33	Armstrong	39	4
Bennett	36	5	Cumberland	313	43	Atascosa	3206	22
Bon Homme	78	—	Davidson	2,639	43	Austin	92	—
Brookings	157	15	Decatur	48	24	Bailey	119	29
Brown	267	51	De Kalb	106	31	Bandera	50	13
Brule	51	4	Dickson	168	33	Bastrop	169	23
Buffalo	1	—	Dyer	266	92	Baylor	55	16
Butte	93	15	Fayette	163	27	Bee	211	71
Campbell	21	1	Fentress	205	32	Bell	909	422
Charles Mix	62	8	Franklin	189	60	Bexar	5,456	2,637
Clark	51	3	Gibson	375	121	Blanco	41	13
Clay	103	4	Giles	235	29	Borden	11	—
Codington	288	18	Grainger	133	17	Bosque	77	11
Corson	35	2	Greene	304	117	Bowie	754	274
Custer	55	20	Grundy	89	38	Brazoria	763	241
Davison	118	17	Hamblen	352	116	Brazos	332	120
Day	224	4	Hamilton	865	873	Brewster	75	16
Deuel	44	1	Hancock	264	11	Briscoe	33	7
Dewey	37	9	Hardeman	126	34	Brooks	146	13
Douglas	44	1	Hardin	110	40	Brown	236	73
Edmunds	49	—	Hawkins	162	48	Burleson	75	21
Fall River	114	28	Haywood	225	37	Burnet	105	23
Faulk	20	1	Henderson	108	46	Caldwell	137	11
Grant	119	13	Henry	230	31	Calhoun	150	30
Gregory	64	9	Hickman	85	16	Callahan	89	29
Haakon	23	—	Houston	35	12	Cameron	1,332	319
Hamlin	49	1	Humphreys	99	13	Camp	74	21
Hand	39	3	Jackson	53	13	Carson	54	12
Hanson	36	—	Jefferson	149	31	Cass	163	64
Harding	19	2	Johnson	182	30	Castro	96	9
Hughes	173	19	Knox	1,533	846	Chambers	200	26
Hutchinson	84	2	Lake	139	19	Cherokee	281	90
Hyde	13	—	Lauderdale	378	74	Childress	94	27
Jackson	24	4	Lawrence	194	46	Clay	120	44
Jerauld	27	—	Lewis	80	18	Cochran	70	21
Jones	18	2	Lincoln	278	41	Coke	34	8
Kingsbury	57	4	Loudon	307	62	Coleman	91	19
Lake	70	9	McMinn	261	82	Collin	407	119
Lawrence	158	27	McNairy	81	45	Collingsworth	132	13
Lincoln	98	6	Macon	117	24	Colorado	121	22
Iyman	29	2	Madison	405	209	Comal	297	42
McCook	56	1	Marion	100	84	Comanche	108	29
McPherson	41	3	Marshall	139	39	Concho	34	4
Marshall	60	1	Mauzy	300	134	Cooke	835	134
Mead	104	29	Meigs	36	13	Coryell	139	47
Mellette	26	2	Monroe	259	50	Cottle	63	16
Miner	32	2	Montgomery	472	170	Crane	79	11
Minnehaha	771	210	Moore	60	4	Crockett	35	6
Moody	47	8	Morgan	133	23	Crosby	101	20
Pennington	667	167	Obion	307	60	Culbertson	33	5
Perkins	43	2	Overton	505	27	Dallas	59	17
Potter	31	6	Perry	27	10	Dallas	9,359	5,135
Roberts	283	12	Pickett	175	11	Dawson	232	69
Sanborn	29	1	Polk	45	11	Deaf Smith	131	19
Shannon	5	—	Putnam	261	64	Delta	59	29
Spink	63	8	Rhea	134	99	Denton	3,650	171
Stanley	47	16	Roane	332	96	De Witt	171	31
Sully	15	1	Robertson	969	86	Dickens	60	11
Todd	15	—	Rutherford	376	128	Dimmit	69	34
Tripp	76	9	Scott	281	30	Donley	65	8
			Segatchie	55	7	Duval	144	25
						Eastland	173	60
						Ector	625	507
						Edwards	18	4
						Ellis	407	97
						El Paso	2,589	1,607

See footnotes at end of table.

SECTION 5 - MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Table 5-1. Marriages and Divorces and Annulments: United States, Each State and County, 1961 -Con.

(By place of occurrence. For sources of data, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
TEXAS—Con.			TEXAS—Con.			TEXAS—Con.		
Drath-----	3139	32	Medina-----	134	24	Winkler-----	114	53
Falls-----	206	40	Menard-----	26	9	Wise-----	251	53
Fannin-----	234	94	Midland-----	620	318	Wood-----	180	31
Fayette-----	139	7	Milam-----	231	41	Yoakum-----	68	29
Fisher-----	76	10	Mills-----	47	10	Young-----	126	37
Floyd-----	113	20	Mitchell-----	119	30	Zapata-----	---	3
Foard-----	46	6	Montague-----	118	47	Zavala-----	115	26
Fort Bend-----	1,366	65	Montgomery-----	557	---	UTAH-----	7,400	2,360
Franklin-----	55	14	Moore-----	109	43	Beaver-----	22	8
Freestone-----	94	18	Morris-----	103	24	Box Elder-----	124	43
Frio-----	78	11	Motley-----	33	7	Cache-----	585	45
Gaines-----	182	28	Nacogdoches-----	216	63	Carbon-----	108	43
Galveston-----	3,357	675	Navarro-----	363	102	Daggett-----	---	---
Garza-----	107	15	Newton-----	195	44	Davis-----	216	139
Gillepie-----	105	13	Nolan-----	194	75	Duchesne-----	53	10
Glancock-----	7	1	Nueces-----	2,115	764	Emery-----	34	2
Goliad-----	41	5	Ochiltree-----	116	40	Garfield-----	22	4
Gonzales-----	134	33	Oldham-----	34	3	Grand-----	51	14
Gray-----	285	154	Orange-----	1,040	340	Iron-----	57	16
Grayson-----	649	235	Palo Pinto-----	277	113	Jubb-----	28	4
Gregg-----	737	579	Panola-----	132	48	Kane-----	19	4
Grimes-----	103	16	Parker-----	1,141	98	Millard-----	27	9
Guadalupe-----	1,284	72	Parmer-----	89	16	Morgan-----	18	2
Hale-----	417	135	Pecos-----	86	32	Piute-----	12	1
Hall-----	90	21	Polk-----	142	46	Rich-----	25	1
Hamilton-----	55	25	Potter-----	1,372	214	Salt Lake-----	3,880	1,280
Hansford-----	54	17	Presidio-----	33	8	San Juan-----	32	11
Hardeman-----	81	22	Rains-----	43	8	Sanpete-----	297	17
Hardin-----	896	92	Randall-----	169	148	Sevier-----	69	17
Harris-----	10,614	5,770	Reagan-----	29	8	Summit-----	42	8
Harrison-----	763	91	Real-----	14	7	Tooele-----	91	34
Hartley-----	10	3	Red River-----	138	36	Uintah-----	71	31
Haskell-----	104	18	Reeves-----	200	68	Utah-----	443	227
Hay-----	239	21	Refugio-----	81	10	Wasatch-----	46	11
Hempflil-----	37	11	Roberts-----	13	---	Washington-----	386	11
Henderson-----	213	69	Robertson-----	142	25	Wayne-----	6	2
Hidalgo-----	1,467	313	Rockwall-----	578	14	Weber-----	583	386
Hill-----	249	38	Runnels-----	165	35	County not stated-----	53	---
Hockley-----	231	60	Rusk-----	322	100	VERMONT-----	3,161	487
Hood-----	201	13	Sabine-----	71	15	Addison-----	156	24
Hopkins-----	423	65	San Augustine-----	305	27	Bennington-----	259	45
Houston-----	146	54	San Jacinto-----	139	20	Caledonia-----	164	31
Howard-----	394	201	San Patricio-----	346	120	Chittenden-----	518	73
Hudspeth-----	47	9	San Saba-----	56	21	Essex-----	51	7
Hunt-----	373	123	Schleicher-----	21	6	Franklin-----	238	44
Hutchinson-----	410	2	Scurry-----	150	84	Grand Isle-----	44	1
Iron-----	40	---	Shackelford-----	58	13	Lamoille-----	87	9
Jack-----	34	54	Shelby-----	599	77	Orange-----	156	18
Jackson-----	99	23	Sherman-----	22	4	Orleans-----	161	23
Jasper-----	---	94	Smith-----	722	250	Rutland-----	352	39
Jeff Davis-----	14	2	Somervell-----	53	8	Washington-----	277	56
Jefferson-----	2,172	---	Starr-----	158	9	Windham-----	358	42
Jim Hogg-----	47	4	Stephens-----	106	34	Windsor-----	340	75
Jim Wells-----	---	130	Sterling-----	21	2	VIRGINIA ¹⁰ -----	38,300	7,559
Johnson-----	396	114	Stonewall-----	13	11	Accomack-----	65	36
Jones-----	193	29	Sutton-----	37	12	Albemarle-----	153	44
Karnes-----	142	21	Swisher-----	101	25	Allghary-----	67	11
Kaufman-----	315	67	Tarrant-----	4,125	2,644	Amelia-----	36	7
Kendall-----	82	20	Taylor-----	968	423	Amherst-----	184	23
Kenedy-----	3	---	Terrell-----	17	---	Appomattox-----	83	19
Kent-----	20	2	Terry-----	238	57	Arlington-----	2,618	347
Kerr-----	133	53	Throckmorton-----	24	4	Augusta-----	269	45
Kimble-----	39	14	Titus-----	161	50	Bath-----	98	10
King-----	3	1	Tom Green-----	689	96	Bedford-----	177	29
Kinney-----	19	3	Travis-----	1,988	1,061	Riland-----	70	4
Kleberg-----	381	37	Trinity-----	96	30	Botetourt-----	106	22
Knox-----	61	22	Tyler-----	113	34	Brunswick-----	124	27
Lamar-----	374	96	Upshur-----	193	66	Buchanan-----	286	34
Lamb-----	208	29	Upton-----	68	13	Buckingham-----	74	8
Lampasas-----	94	24	Uvalde-----	164	39	Campbell-----	170	35
La Salle-----	65	8	Val Verde-----	163	53	Caroline-----	119	11
Lavaca-----	134	17	Van Zandt-----	202	66	Carroll-----	129	13
Lee-----	92	7	Victoria-----	437	127	Charles City-----	34	8
Leon-----	49	16	Walker-----	298	70	Charlotte-----	95	14
Liberity-----	849	149	Waller-----	188	25	Chesterfield-----	303	160
Limestone-----	172	57	Ward-----	134	69	Clarke-----	84	16
Lipscomb-----	28	4	Washington-----	155	24	Craig-----	16	3
Live Oak-----	49	16	Webb-----	747	79	Culpeper-----	129	23
Llano-----	42	9	Wharton-----	354	74	Cumberland-----	42	10
Loving-----	5	---	Wheeler-----	139	35	Dickenson-----	1,063	26
Lubbock-----	1,671	731	Wichita-----	1,679	591	Dimondie-----	91	23
Lynn-----	131	15	Wilbarger-----	72	72	Essex-----	59	6
McCulloch-----	77	21	Wallacy-----	375	32	Fairfax-----	867	13
McLennan-----	1,304	554	Wallinson-----	214	60	Fauquier-----	199	36
McHullen-----	11	---	Wilson-----	288	60	Floyd-----	88	13
Madison-----	59	---		114	18			
Marion-----	137	17						
Martin-----	61	9						
Mason-----	34	8						
Matagorda-----	315	69						
Maverick-----	149	14						

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Table 5-1. Marriages and Divorces and Annulments: United States, Each State and County, 1961 -Con.

(By place of occurrence. For sources of data, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
VIRGINIA ¹⁰ -Con.			VIRGINIA ¹⁰ -Con. Independent Cities-Con.			WEST VIRGINIA-Con.		
Fluvanna-----	39	10	Newport News-----	950	268	Mason-----	185	27
Franklin-----	182	40	Norfolk-----	2,138	690	Mercer-----	278	151
Frederick-----	717	43	Norton-----	62	(18) 62	Mineral-----	53	68
Giles-----	400	24	Petersburg-----	409	136	Mingo-----	396	70
Gloucester-----	78	12	Portsmouth-----	939	426	Monongalia-----	346	93
Goochland-----	62	14	Radford-----	74	14	Monroe-----	47	21
Grayson-----	61	38	Richmond-----	2,402	854	Morgan-----	38	16
Greene-----	44	5	Roanoke-----	835	283	Nicholas-----	180	36
Greensville-----	877	20	South Boston-----	48	(15) 48	Ohio-----	571	112
Halifax-----	257	1573	South Norfolk-----	218	84	Pendleton-----	51	11
Hanover-----	174	32	Staunton-----	157	27	Pleasants-----	275	5
Henrico-----	386	252	Suffolk-----	112	20	Pocahontas-----	73	10
Henry-----	237	49	Virginia Beach-----	102	(18) 102	Preston-----	49	33
Highland-----	44	2	Waynesboro-----	148	41	Putnam-----	241	53
Isle of Wight-----	79	21	Williamsburg-----	121	10	Raleigh-----	573	163
James City-----	47	8	Winchester-----	3,033	34	Randolph-----	164	81
King and Queen-----	35	10	WASHINGTON-----	27,659	59,355	Ritchie-----	76	8
King George-----	28	9	Adams-----	35	27	Roane-----	177	7
King William-----	48	7	Asotin-----	111	35	Summers-----	114	40
Lancaster-----	66	17	Benton-----	172	215	Taylor-----	104	14
Lee-----	457	38	Chelan-----	324	66	Tucker-----	31	16
Loudoun-----	239	37	Clallam-----	252	129	Tyler-----	80	8
Louisiana-----	75	21	Clark-----	2,378	303	Upshur-----	142	23
Lunenburg-----	92	17	Columbia-----	70	16	Wayne-----	304	86
Madison-----	59	6	Cowlitz-----	600	251	Webster-----	101	37
Mathews-----	41	9	Douglas-----	23	39	Wetzel-----	159	28
Mecklenburg-----	261	43	Ferry-----	21	1	Wirt-----	36	9
Middlesex-----	44	5	Franklin-----	527	87	Wood-----	643	353
Montgomery-----	233	42	Garfield-----	26	5	Wyoming-----	278	69
Nansemond-----	213	32	Grant-----	305	143	WISCONSIN-----	24,232	4,300
Nelson-----	97	16	Grays Harbor-----	504	207	Adams-----	30	14
New Kent-----	26	7	Island-----	180	62	Ashland-----	148	10
Norfolk-----	196	118	Jefferson-----	27	27	Barren-----	233	35
Northampton-----	76	20	King-----	7,608	53,204	Bayfield-----	71	8
Northumberland-----	65	6	Kitsap-----	703	209	Brown-----	873	103
Nottoway-----	108	19	Kittitas-----	215	55	Buffalo-----	63	5
Orange-----	94	23	Klickitat-----	140	35	Burnett-----	49	-
Page-----	142	17	Lewis-----	417	136	Calumet-----	137	4
Patrick-----	86	15	Lincoln-----	82	7	Chippewa-----	262	41
Pittsylvania-----	360	67	Mason-----	199	16	Clark-----	212	17
Powhatan-----	43	6	Okanogan-----	180	69	Columbia-----	265	44
Prince Edward-----	102	29	Pacific-----	133	29	Crawford-----	129	11
Prince George-----	98	20	Pend Oreille-----	57	11	Dane-----	1,378	224
Prince William-----	421	43	Pierce-----	3,142	1,089	Dodge-----	378	40
Princess Anne-----	394	10	San Juan-----	17	3	Door-----	123	8
Pulaski-----	197	43	Sikagit-----	569	160	Douglas-----	219	59
Rappahannock-----	25	5	Skanania-----	2,054	21	Dunn-----	161	16
Richmond-----	47	10	Snohomish-----	1,486	557	Eau Claire-----	303	93
Roanoke-----	349	97	Spokane-----	1,614	1,082	Florence-----	24	6
Rockbridge-----	150	35	Stevens-----	114	36	Fond du Lac-----	445	60
Rockingham-----	295	1762	Thurston-----	871	220	Forest-----	68	7
Russell-----	1,054	38	Wahkiakum-----	47	3	Grant-----	272	29
Scott-----	984	23	Walla Walla-----	344	151	Green-----	166	27
Shenandoah-----	185	23	Whatcom-----	901	150	Green Lake-----	124	7
Smyth-----	229	33	Whitman-----	157	25	Iowa-----	117	0
Southampton-----	165	28	Yakima-----	995	474	Iron-----	51	5
Spotsylvania-----	83	24	WEST VIRGINIA-----	13,465	3,837	Jackson-----	105	7
Stafford-----	104	30	Barbour-----	103	24	Jefferson-----	331	59
Surry-----	21	5	Berkeley-----	127	76	Juneau-----	114	24
Sussex-----	73	5	Boone-----	236	57	Kenosha-----	515	144
Tazewell-----	524	43	Braxton-----	130	27	Kewaunee-----	129	7
Warren-----	149	23	Brooke-----	251	33	La Crosse-----	456	102
Washington-----	309	40	Cabell-----	947	336	Lafayette-----	108	15
Westmoreland-----	69	1	Calhoun-----	70	17	Langlade-----	147	14
Wise-----	709	1881	Clay-----	131	24	Lincoln-----	179	11
Wythe-----	151	29	Doddridge-----	63	6	Manitowoc-----	502	43
York-----	108	33	Fayette-----	490	106	Marathon-----	527	57
Independent Cities			Gilmer-----	66	6	Marquette-----	225	29
Alexandria-----	1,260	219	Grant-----	32	2	Marquette-----	57	4
Bristol-----	216	28	Greenbrier-----	125	51	Milwaukee-----	5,987	1,547
Buena Vista-----	46	7	Hampshire-----	35	22	Monroe-----	200	20
Charlottesville-----	329	81	Hancock-----	433	159	Oconto-----	175	14
Clifton Forge-----	310	2	Hardy-----	26	20	Oneida-----	129	29
Colonial Heights-----	61	11	Harrison-----	409	147	Outagamie-----	702	75
Covington-----	196	(11) 196	Jackson-----	132	36	Ozaukee-----	183	18
Danville-----	501	(13) 501	Jefferson-----	57	36	Pepin-----	49	6
Falls Church-----	188	52	Kanawha-----	2,152	600	Pierce-----	127	7
Fredericksburg-----	216	52	Lewis-----	136	25	Folk-----	152	18
Galax-----	44	(12) (14) 44	Lincoln-----	211	41	Portage-----	242	19
Hampton-----	554	(17) 554	Logan-----	422	62	Price-----	103	7
Harrisonburg-----	109	43	McDowell-----	249	116	Racine-----	733	169
Hopewell-----	113	43	Marion-----	401	73	Richland-----	121	12
Lynchburg-----	436	145	Marshall-----	266	58	Rock-----	703	186
Martinsville-----	212	45						

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Table 5-1. Marriages and Divorces and Annulments: United States, Each State and County, 1961—Con.

(By place of occurrence. For sources of data, see Technical Appendix)

AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
WISCONSIN—Con.			WISCONSIN—Con.			WYOMING—Con.		
Rusk-----	103	7	Waupaca-----	285	21	Laramie-----	730	296
St. Croix-----	217	26	Waushara-----	69	13	Lincoln-----	40	24
Sauk-----	231	36	Winnebago-----	625	136	Natrona-----	412	251
Sawyer-----	75	18	Wood-----	401	53	Niobrara-----	32	16
						Park-----	176	57
Shawano-----	291	22	WYOMING-----			Platte-----	48	18
Sheboygan-----	538	94		3,246	1,307	Sheridan-----	192	82
Taylor-----	120	11	Albany-----	169	78	Sublette-----	21	13
Trempealeau-----	155	10	Big Horn-----	94	32	Sweetwater-----	133	55
Vernon-----	162	14	Campbell-----	56	31	Teton-----	116	15
Vilas-----	79	17	Carbon-----	94	70			
Walworth-----	313	68	Converse-----	87	16	Uinta-----	293	20
			Crook-----	37	9	Washakie-----	57	24
Washburn-----	82	20	Fremont-----	226	82	Weston-----	42	30
Washington-----	299	29	Goshen-----	83	25	Yellowstone National Park (part)--	3	-
Waukegan-----	779	148	Hot Springs-----	55	42	Yellowstone National Park (total)-	3	-
			Johnson-----	50	21			

¹Data are estimated.²Districts shown were county equivalents prior to 1960 (then named "Judicial Divisions"). Data are not available for election districts, the nearest equivalents of counties beginning with 1960.³Marriage licenses issued.⁴Petitions filed.⁵Data are incomplete.⁶Includes estimates for missing areas.⁷Estimated from reports for 11 months.⁸Divisions are parishes.⁹Marriages by county where license was issued.¹⁰Independent cities have the same status as counties and are listed after counties.¹¹Covington (city) figures included with Alleghany County.¹²Galax (city, part) figures included with Carroll County.¹³Falls Church (city) figures included with Fairfax County.¹⁴Galax (city, part) figures included with Grayson County.¹⁵South Boston (city) figures included with Halifax County.¹⁶Virginia Beach (city) figures included with Princess Anne County.¹⁷Harrisonburg (city) figures included with Rockingham County.¹⁸Norton (city) figures included with Wise County.

TECHNICAL APPENDIX

Introduction

The marriage and divorce data presented in this report cover the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia. All but a few of the county and State totals were secured on a pretabulated basis from individual States. Exceptions are noted below. Totals for all States in the marriage- and divorce-registration areas have been compared for consistency with totals estimated from probability samples of marriage and divorce records received from these States. In all cases, pretabulated totals as reported remained unchanged after these checks.

Totals are available for the United States and for most individual States and counties for marriages and divorces and annulments for 1887-1906, 1916, and 1922-32, for marriages alone for 1948 to date, and for divorces and annulments for 1949 to date.

Sources of data

County totals of marriages were reported to the National Vital Statistics Division from 41 States and the District of Columbia, all with central files of records. Special surveys were conducted in the nine other States and New York City. These surveys were made by State officials in Arizona, Illinois, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington; county officials reported totals on a monthly basis from Colorado and North Carolina; the city clerk provided the figures for New York City. Altogether, annual marriage figures were obtained for 3,098 counties or equivalent local areas; no data were obtained for 16 counties.

The number of marriages performed was reported for 46 States. The number of marriage licenses issued was reported for the District of Columbia and for 4 States—Colorado, Kentucky, Nevada, and North Carolina—as well as for 17 counties in other States. The number of marriage licenses issued is usually larger by 1 or 2 percent than the number of marriages performed.¹ The State registrar in the department of health made special collections of county totals in Nevada; totals were reported in Kentucky by the department of revenue and in Colorado and North Carolina

¹Based on findings for 1959 from 10 States reporting both totals, as shown on page 2-1, Section 2, Volume I of *Vital Statistics of the United States, 1959*.

by county officials who reported directly to the National Vital Statistics Division. Reports for the District of Columbia were received from the U.S. district court.

Data on divorces and annulments were received from State officials of 48 States. In 14 States (Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia) the State registrars of vital statistics conducted special surveys to obtain statistics. Totals for two counties in Arizona refer to divorce petitions. County figures for South Dakota were prepared from transcripts of all records provided by State officials. Data for Colorado, some counties of Kentucky, Missouri, and New Mexico, and some parishes of Louisiana were obtained from a survey of local officials conducted by the National Vital Statistics Division. Divorce records for the District of Columbia are administered and reported by the municipal court. Annual divorce and annulment figures were obtained for a total of 3,068 counties or equivalent local areas; no information was obtained for 46 counties.

Methods of estimating marriages

United States.—The total number of marriages for the United States is based on reported data on marriages or marriage licenses, including estimates for missing counties in two States (Colorado and North Carolina).

Individual States.—The totals for Colorado and North Carolina include estimates for areas for which reports had not been received for 1 or 2 months. These estimates are made each month by assigning to each area for which a report is lacking the same proportion of the month's total as the area represented in the preceding 11-month period.

Methods of estimating divorces

United States.—The total number of divorces and annulments granted in the United States is estimated from State totals; an estimate for the nonreporting counties of Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, and Texas and the parishes of Louisiana is included in the national figure. This estimate was prepared on the assumption that the divorce rate of the nonreporting areas was identical with that for the reporting areas of the State.

Individual States.—The State total for Colorado was estimated in the national office.

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Reporting areas

Marriage data are shown for both Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Divorce data are shown for the Virgin Islands only.

Geographic classification

Data are shown by place of occurrence. Totals are shown for the local areas St. Croix Island and St. John and St. Thomas Islands (the latter two combined) in the Virgin Islands and for the primary geographic subdivisions, "municipios," in Puerto Rico.

Race and color

For 1961, brides and grooms are not shown by color for either Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands. Husbands and wives divorced in 1961 are classified as white or nonwhite for the Virgin Islands.

Sample data

Since the sampling rate for the Virgin Islands for both marriage and divorce records was 100 percent, there is no sampling error in the statistics for this area. The marriage estimates for Puerto Rico are based on a 5-percent sample; sampling errors for estimated frequencies which are specified percents of the total marriages are as follows:

<i>Frequency expressed as percent</i>	<i>Sampling error (σ)</i>	<i>Frequency expressed as percent</i>	<i>Sampling error (σ)</i>
1 or 99 -----	63	10 or 90 -----	191
2 or 98 -----	89	15 or 85 -----	228
3 or 97 -----	109	20 or 80 -----	255
4 or 96 -----	125	25 or 75 -----	276
5 or 95 -----	139	50 -----	319
7 or 93 -----	163		

Section 7—the Technical Appendix—discusses other factors concerning these marriage and divorce statistics.

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Table 6-1. Marriages, Divorces, and Rates: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1940-61

(By place of occurrence. Rates per 1,000 total population in each area except as noted. Rates for 1940, 1950, and 1960 based on population enumerated as of April 1; for all other years based on population estimated as of July 1)

YEAR	MARRIAGES				DIVORCES			
	Puerto Rico		Virgin Islands ¹		Puerto Rico		Virgin Islands ²	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
1961	³ 21,379	³ 8.9	397	11.2	5,512	2.3	152	4.3
1960	⁴ 20,212	⁴ 8.6	359	11.2	5,218	2.2	135	4.2
1959	20,135	8.7	306	9.9	5,411	2.3	139	4.5
1958	19,925	8.7	330	11.0	5,028	2.2	132	4.4
1957	---	---	278	9.5	5,040	2.2	117	4.0
1956	---	---	305	10.7	---	---	129	4.5
1955	18,912	8.4	221	8.0	4,622	2.1	103	3.7
1954	19,437	8.8	243	8.9	4,686	2.1	123	4.5
1953	---	---	247	9.2	⁵ 5,000	⁵ 2.3	236	8.8
1952	18,288	8.2	237	8.5	4,173	1.9	343	12.3
1951	18,140	8.1	225	8.1	3,676	1.6	312	11.3
1950	20,532	9.3	138	5.2	3,591	1.6	271	10.2
1949	16,156	7.4	194	7.3	3,409	1.6	181	6.8
1948	15,379	7.0	156	5.8	3,334	1.5	143	5.3
1947	16,779	7.8	190	7.0	3,582	1.7	124	4.6
1946 ⁵	20,345	9.5	195	7.2	4,047	1.9	90	3.3
1945 ⁵	17,490	8.3	238	8.9	3,247	1.6	52	2.0
1944 ⁵	16,190	7.9	342	12.6	3,281	1.6	63	2.4
1943 ⁵	14,341	7.1	293	10.7	2,508	1.3	76	3.1
1942 ⁵	16,114	8.1	311	11.9	2,433	1.2	---	---
1941 ⁵	15,007	7.8	248	9.6	2,464	1.3	---	---
1940	19,457	10.4	122	4.9	2,600	1.4	---	---

¹For 1940-49, data represent marriage licenses; for 1940-50, data are for fiscal years ended June 30.

²Includes reported annulments.

³Data are provisional.

⁴Data are incomplete.

⁵Data are estimated.

⁶Divorce rates are based on civilian population.

Table 6-2. Marriages and Divorces and Annulments: Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and County Equivalents, 1961

(By place of occurrence. For Puerto Rico, county equivalents are municipios; for Virgin Islands, the three principal islands are the primary administrative units)

AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments	AREA	Marriages	Divorces and annulments
PUERTO RICO	¹ 21,379	² 5,512	PUERTO RICO--Con.			PUERTO RICO--Con.		
Ajuntas	127	-	Guayama	231	363	Peñuelas	142	-
Aguada	172	-	Guayanilla	123	-	Ponce	1,154	445
Agua de Dios	482	416	Guaynabo	321	-	Quebradillas	115	-
Agua Buenas	143	-	Guayama	206	-	Rincón	72	-
Aibonito	116	-	Hatillo	198	-	Río Grande	174	-
Aibonito	193	-	Hormigueros	91	-	Sabana Grande	173	-
Arecibo	790	487	Humacao	269	514	Salinas	147	-
Arroyo	83	-	Isabela	251	-	San German	190	-
Barnesville	240	-	Jayuya	119	-	San Juan	4,495	1,270
Barranquitas	132	-	Juana Díaz	174	-	San Lorenzo	214	-
Bayamón	804	529	Juncos	288	-	San Sebastián	307	-
Cabo Rojo	190	-	Las Juntas	168	-	Santa Isabel	137	-
Caguas	706	949	Lares	264	-	Toa Alta	114	-
Camuy	172	-	Las Marías	55	-	Toa Baja	163	-
Carolina	377	-	Las Piedras	202	-	Trujillo Alto	193	-
Cataño	270	-	Loíza	300	-	Utuado	305	-
Cayey	543	-	Luquillo	85	-	Vega Alta	201	-
Cedra	106	-	Manatí	296	-	Vega Baja	163	-
Chalón	143	-	Martín	48	-	Vieques	83	-
Cidra	168	-	Morovis	112	-	Villaalba	126	-
Comerio	188	-	Mucurubá	112	-	Yabucoa	187	-
Comerio	143	-	Maysagüez	798	539	Yauco	296	-
Corozal	194	-	Moca	173	-			
Culebra	9	-	Morovis	136	-	VIRGIN ISLANDS	397	152
Dorado	118	-	Naguabo	179	-			
Fajardo	209	-	Naranjito	139	-	St. Croix	255	115
Guánica	130	-	Orocovis	129	-	St. John and St. Thomas	142	37
			Patillas	125	-			

¹Data are provisional.

²Excludes annulments. Divorces are granted only in municipios in which courts are located.

Table 6-3. Marriages by Month Marriage Performed: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence)

AREA	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Puerto Rico ¹ -----	21,378	1,647	1,400	1,513	1,720	1,649	1,736	2,124	1,703	1,747	1,585	1,707	2,849
Virgin Islands-----	397	22	24	27	52	31	46	36	43	32	26	27	31

¹Data are provisional.

Table 6-4. Marriages by Day of Week Marriage Performed: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Data for Puerto Rico based on a sample. Totals by day of week include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

AREA	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Puerto Rico-----	21,380	2,080	2,200	1,460	1,580	1,840	3,200	9,020
Virgin Islands-----	397	45	39	33	66	62	86	66

Table 6-5. Marriages by Resident Status of Bride and of Groom: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(Data for Puerto Rico based on a sample. Totals by resident status include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

RESIDENT STATUS	PUERTO RICO		VIRGIN ISLANDS	
	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom
TOTAL-----	21,380	21,380	397	397
Resident of area-----	21,200	20,840	360	361
Not resident of area-----	180	540	37	36

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Table 6-6. Marriages by Marriage Order and Age of Bride and of Groom: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Data for Puerto Rico based on a sample. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic; see Technical Appendix)

MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE AT MARRIAGE	PUERTO RICO		VIRGIN ISLANDS	
	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom
ALL MARRIAGES				
Total, all ages-----	21,380	21,380	397	397
Under 20 years-----	7,840	2,140	71	15
20-24 years-----	6,180	7,720	120	128
25-29 years-----	2,580	4,340	79	93
30-34 years-----	1,120	1,780	48	56
35-39 years-----	1,040	1,280	26	31
40-44 years-----	640	900	17	26
45-49 years-----	640	600	13	12
50-54 years-----	480	600	8	13
55-64 years-----	620	1,360	7	12
65 years and over-----	240	660	7	9
FIRST MARRIAGES				
Total, all ages-----	18,920	17,900	323	318
Under 20 years-----	7,820	2,140	69	15
20-24 years-----	5,920	7,480	115	125
25-29 years-----	2,200	3,840	68	88
30-34 years-----	640	1,220	33	43
35-39 years-----	620	720	13	18
40-44 years-----	380	560	9	10
45 years and over-----	1,340	1,940	15	17
REMARRIAGES				
Total, all ages-----	2,440	3,480	74	79
Under 25 years-----	280	240	7	3
25-29 years-----	360	500	11	5
30-34 years-----	480	560	15	13
35-39 years-----	420	560	13	13
40-44 years-----	260	340	8	16
45-49 years-----	200	220	5	7
50-54 years-----	240	180	4	9
55-64 years-----	140	640	7	8
65 years and over-----	60	240	4	5

Table 6-7. Marriages by Age of Bride, by Age of Groom: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Data for Puerto Rico based on a sample. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic; see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND AGE OF BRIDE	Total	AGE OF GROOM				
		Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35-54 years	55 years and over
PUERTO RICO						
Total, all ages-----	21,380	2,140	7,720	6,120	3,380	2,020
Under 20 years-----	7,840	1,700	4,080	1,820	220	20
20-24 years-----	6,180	420	2,900	2,340	480	40
25-34 years-----	3,700	20	660	1,700	1,180	140
35-54 years-----	2,800	-	80	260	1,440	1,020
55 years and over-----	860	-	-	-	60	800
VIRGIN ISLANDS						
Total, all ages-----	397	15	128	149	82	21
Under 20 years-----	71	9	39	21	2	-
20-24 years-----	120	6	64	44	6	-
25-34 years-----	127	-	23	72	30	2
35-54 years-----	64	-	2	12	40	8
55 years and over-----	14	-	-	-	3	11

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Table 6-8. First Marriages of Both Bride and Groom, by Age of Bride, by Age of Groom: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Data for Puerto Rico based on a sample. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND AGE OF BRIDE	Total	AGE OF GROOM			
		Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35 years and over
PUERTO RICO					
Total, all ages-----	16,700	2,120	7,280	4,760	2,540
Under 20 years-----	7,440	1,700	3,940	1,640	160
20-24 years-----	5,240	420	2,780	1,920	120
25-34 years-----	2,280	-	500	1,120	660
35 years and over-----	1,740	-	60	80	1,600
VIRGIN ISLANDS					
Total, all ages-----	283	13	116	119	34
Under 20 years-----	64	9	36	18	1
20-24 years-----	107	4	61	39	3
25-34 years-----	86	-	17	55	14
35 years and over-----	26	-	2	7	16

Table 6-9. Marriages by Age and Previous Marital Status of Bride and of Groom: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Data for Puerto Rico based on a sample. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND AGE AT MARRIAGE	BRIDE				GROOM			
	Total	Previous marital status			Total	Previous marital status		
		Single	Widowed	Divorced		Single	Widowed	Divorced
PUERTO RICO								
Total, all ages-----	21,360	18,920	340	2,100	21,360	17,900	720	2,760
Under 25 years-----	14,020	13,740	-	280	9,860	9,620	-	240
25-29 years-----	2,580	2,200	20	340	4,340	3,840	-	500
30-34 years-----	1,120	640	-	480	1,780	1,220	80	480
35-44 years-----	1,680	1,000	80	600	2,180	1,280	120	780
45 years and over-----	1,980	1,340	240	400	3,220	1,940	520	760
VIRGIN ISLANDS								
Total, all ages-----	397	323	17	57	397	318	15	63
Under 25 years-----	191	184	-	7	143	140	-	3
25-29 years-----	79	68	1	10	95	88	1	4
30-34 years-----	48	35	1	14	56	45	1	12
35-44 years-----	45	22	5	18	57	28	4	24
45 years and over-----	35	15	12	8	46	17	9	20

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Table 6-10. Marriages by Previous Marital Status of Bride, by Previous Marital Status of Groom: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Data for Puerto Rico based on a sample. Totals for each characteristic include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated" for a specified characteristic, see Technical Appendix)

AREA AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE	All marriages	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM		
		Single	Widowed	Divorced
PUERTO RICO				
Total, bride-----	21,380	17,900	720	2,760
Single-----	18,920	16,700	500	1,720
Widowed-----	340	180	80	80
Divorced-----	2,100	1,000	140	960
VIRGIN ISLANDS				
Total, bride-----	397	318	15	63
Single-----	323	283	10	29
Widowed-----	17	7	3	7
Divorced-----	57	28	2	27

Table 6-11. Marriages by Number of This Marriage of Bride and of Groom: Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Data for Puerto Rico based on a sample. Totals by number of this marriage include "not stated." For sample design, sampling variability, and for number of "not stated," see Technical Appendix)

AREA	All marriages	NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE OF BRIDE			NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE OF GROOM		
		One	Two	Three or more	One	Two	Three or more
Puerto Rico-----	21,380	18,920	2,260	120	17,900	3,120	260
Virgin Islands-----	397	323	20	-	318	24	-

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Table 6-12. Divorces and Annulments by Specified Characteristics: Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence)	
CHARACTERISTIC	Number
ALL DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS-----	152
Place Where Marriage was Performed	
Marriage performed in Virgin Islands-----	70
Marriage performed outside Virgin Islands-----	78
Not stated-----	4
Duration of Marriage	
Under 1 year-----	5
1 year-----	8
2 years-----	14
3 years-----	9
4 years-----	12
5 years-----	12
6 years-----	5
7 years-----	4
8 years-----	7
9 years-----	4
10-14 years-----	27
15-19 years-----	23
20 years and over-----	20
Not stated-----	2
Number of Children Under 18 Years of Age	
None-----	60
1 child-----	26
2 children-----	31
3 children-----	18
4 children-----	11
5 children or more-----	3
Not stated-----	3
Legal Grounds for Decree	
Adultery-----	3
Cruelty-----	3
Desertion-----	23
Incompatibility-----	121
Nonsupport-----	-
Other-----	1
Not stated-----	1

Table 6-13. Divorces and Annulments by Specified Characteristics of Husband and of Wife: Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence)		
CHARACTERISTIC	Husband	Wife
ALL DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS-----	152	152
Age at Time of Decree		
Under 20 years-----	1	2
20-24 years-----	21	27
25-29 years-----	18	20
30-34 years-----	26	24
35-39 years-----	18	27
40 years and over-----	67	50
Not stated-----	1	2
Age at Time of Marriage		
Under 20 years-----	19	42
20-24 years-----	51	51
25-29 years-----	33	25
30-34 years-----	23	10
35-39 years-----	7	13
40 years and over-----	16	7
Not stated-----	3	4
Color		
White-----	64	62
Nonwhite-----	88	90
Not stated-----	-	-
Marriage Order at Time of Decree		
First marriage-----	120	129
Remarriage-----	32	23
Not stated-----	-	1

Table 6-14. Divorces and Annulments by Resident Status of Defendant Husband and Wife: Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence)				
RESIDENT STATUS	All divorces and annulments	Defendant husband	Defendant wife	Other and not stated
TOTAL-----	152	89	60	3
Resident of Virgin Islands-----	63	45	17	1
Not resident of Virgin Islands-----	88	43	43	2
Residence not stated-----	1	1	-	-

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Table 6-15. Divorces and Annulments by Duration of Marriage and Number of Children Under 18 Years of Age: Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence)

DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPORTED				
		None	1	2	3 or more	Not stated ¹
TOTAL-----	152	60	26	31	32	3
Under 1 year-----	5	1	2	1	1	-
1 and 2 years-----	22	12	5	5	-	-
3 and 4 years-----	21	9	3	5	3	1
5-9 years-----	32	9	5	7	11	-
10-14 years-----	27	11	2	5	9	-
15 years and over-----	43	18	8	8	8	1
Not stated-----	2	-	1	-	-	1

Table 6-16. Divorces and Annulments by Party to Whom Decree Granted Whether Plaintiff or Other: Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence)

PLAINTIFF	All divorces and annulments	DECREE GRANTED TO--			
		Husband	Wife	Other party ¹	Party not stated
TOTAL-----	152	55	92	1	4
Husband-----	60	54	3	-	3
Wife-----	89	-	88	1	-
Other party-----	-	-	-	-	-
Plaintiff not stated-----	3	1	1	-	1

¹Both husband and wife.

Table 6-17. Divorces and Annulments by Duration of Marriage and Plaintiff: Virgin Islands, 1961

• (By place of occurrence)

DURATION OF MARRIAGE	All divorces and annulments	PLAINTIFF			
		Husband	Wife	Other party	Not stated
TOTAL-----	152	60	89	-	3
Under 1 year-----	5	3	2	-	-
1 and 2 years-----	22	11	10	-	1
3 and 4 years-----	21	7	13	-	1
5-9 years-----	32	7	25	-	-
10-14 years-----	27	10	17	-	-
15 years and over-----	43	22	21	-	-
Not stated-----	2	-	1	-	1

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SECTION 7. TECHNICAL APPENDIX

INTRODUCTION

In 1961 two methods were used for collecting marriage and divorce statistics. Most of these statistics were based on information obtained from records of marriage and of divorce or annulment and were estimated by the National Vital Statistics Division (NVSD) from samples of transcripts of these records. Annual marriage and divorce totals for States and counties were provided by State and local officials. Marriage totals by month of occurrence were secured by both methods. Sources of marriage and divorce data since 1867 are shown in table 7-1, and a description of these sources was published in Section 7, Volume III, of *Vital Statistics of the United States, 1960*.

Marriage- and divorce-registration areas

In order to promote regular, timely, and complete reporting, marriage- and divorce-registration areas comparable to those developed for the collection of natality and mortality statistics were established in 1957 and 1958, respectively. The areas are made up of those States and independent areas which meet the following criteria:

1. To have established central files of marriage or of divorce records
2. To have adopted a statistical report form which includes required items of information that appear on the Standard Record of Marriage (fig. 7-1) or the Standard Record of Divorce or Annulment (fig. 7-2)
3. To maintain regular and timely reporting by all local areas
4. To carry out, in cooperation with NVSD, tests of marriage or divorce registration completeness and accuracy

Table 7-2 shows the years central files were established and when the States and independent areas began participating in the registration areas. Figures 7-3 and 7-4 indicate the areas participating in the marriage-registration area (MRA) and in the divorce-registration area (DRA) in 1961 as well as those maintaining central files of records of marriage and of divorce or annulment but not included in the registration areas. In 1961, 35 States were in the MRA and 20 in the DRA; in addition the District of Columbia, New Orleans, and Puerto Rico were included in the MRA and the Virgin Islands in both the MRA and the DRA. Marriages performed in 1961 in the MRA States and areas combined represented 62.5 percent of the national total as compared with 57.3 percent in 1960; comparable percentages for the DRA were 30.2 for 1961 and 23.9 for 1960.

Statistics based on information from records

In 1960 a probability sample program was initiated for collecting marriage and divorce statistics; for earlier years they were compiled from predesigned tables submitted by the States. The 1960 program was continued in 1961 with two modifications.

1. The 1961 program was limited to samples obtained from States in the marriage-registration area and the divorce-registration area whereas the 1960 program was nationwide and consisted of samples from States in the MRA, the DRA, and the remainder of the Nation. Hence national and regional statistics based on data from samples of records are not available for 1961. The national total of children involved in divorce cases was estimated; all other data are limited to the registration areas and the individual registration States.
2. In January 1961 the District of Columbia, Indiana, and Massachusetts were added to the MRA and Michigan and Missouri were added to the DRA.

The statistical tables for 1961 follow the same design as those for 1960 with revisions that were made necessary by changes in the sample program—national and regional data are omitted and the newly included States are added to the registration areas (Sections 1-4). Data for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are shown in Section 6.

State and county totals

In addition to probability samples from which detailed statistics were prepared, NVSD collected the annual State and county totals of marriages and divorces and annulments which are published in Section 5; State totals are shown in table 1-D of Section 1 and tables 3-B and 3-C of Section 3. Marriage totals by local areas were also received from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and divorce totals from the Virgin Islands; these figures are published in table 6-2, Section 6. Marriage totals by month of occurrence are shown for all States in table 2-1, Section 2. The State and area totals shown in these tables differ slightly from totals which are estimates based on the samples for the same States shown in all other tables in this report.

County totals of marriages reported from 41 States and the District of Columbia were based on data available in central files of records. In the nine States and New York City which did not have central files of records, special surveys were conducted. This was done by State officials in Arizona, Illinois, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington and by the city clerk in New York City.

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FIGURE 7-1

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE Public Health Service		_____ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (State)		STATE FILE NO. _____
COUNTY _____		_____ OF VITAL STATISTICS (Division) STANDARD RECORD OF MARRIAGE		
APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE		GROOM		
1. NAME		a. (First)		b. (Middle)
				c. (Last)
		2. DATE OF BIRTH		(Month) (Day) (Year)
3. USUAL RESIDENCE		a. STATE		b. COUNTY
		4. PLACE OF BIRTH		(State or foreign country)
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside corporate limits write RURAL and give township)		5. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS		NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/>
				LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY: DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/>
6. NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES	7. COLOR OR RACE	8a. USUAL OCCUPATION		8b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> (specify) _____			
BRIDE				
9a. NAME		a. (First)		b. (Middle)
				c. (Last)
		10. DATE OF BIRTH		(Month) (Day) (Year)
9b. MAIDEN NAME IF DIFFERENT		11. USUAL RESIDENCE		a. STATE
				b. COUNTY
		12. PLACE OF BIRTH		(State or foreign country)
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside corporate limits write RURAL and give township)		13. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS		NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/>
				LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY: DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/>
14. NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES	15. COLOR OR RACE	16a. USUAL OCCUPATION		16b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> (specify) _____			
DATE	SIGNATURE(S) OF APPLICANT(S)			
CERTIFICATION				
DATE OF MARRIAGE		PLACE OF MARRIAGE		(State)
(Month) (Day) (Year)		(County)		
DATE OF RECORDING		SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL MAKING RETURN TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		

In Colorado and North Carolina county officials reported totals to NVSD on a monthly basis.

Annual marriage figures were obtained for 3,098 counties or equivalent areas of the United States; no figures were obtained for 16 counties. The annual marriage total for the United States is the sum of these figures.

The number of marriages performed was reported for 46 States. The number of marriage licenses issued was reported for Colorado, Kentucky, Nevada, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia as well as for 17 counties in

other States. The number of marriage licenses issued is usually larger by 1 or 2 percent than the number of marriages performed (see page 2-1, Section 2, Volume I, *Vital Statistics of the United States, 1959*).

Data on divorces and annulments were received from State officials of 48 States and the District of Columbia. In 14 States where central files of divorce records were not maintained (Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia)

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FIGURE 7-2

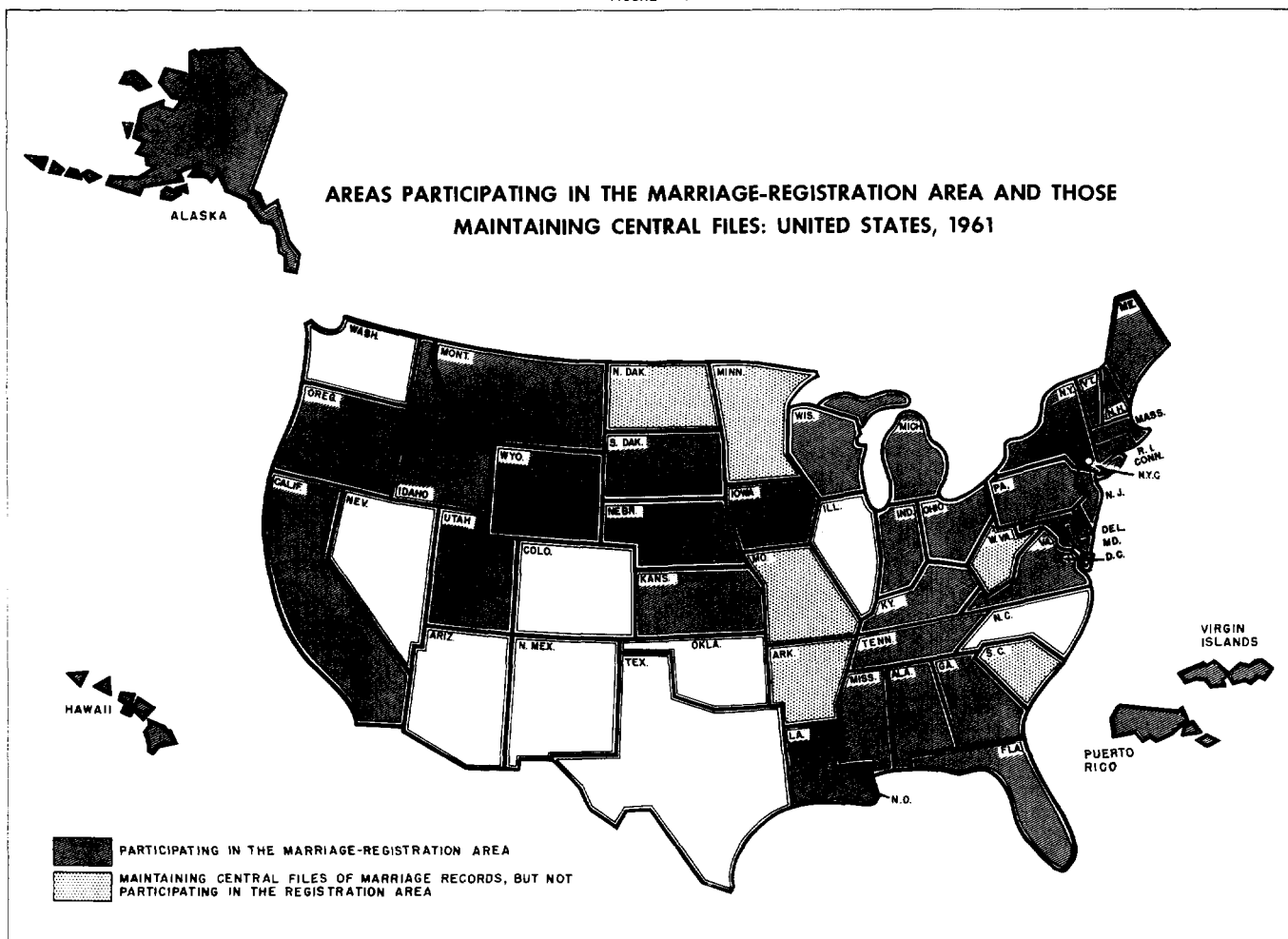
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE Public Health Service		(State) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (Division) OF VITAL STATISTICS		STATE FILE NO.
COUNTY	STANDARD RECORD OF DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT			LOCAL FILE NO.
1. NAME a. (First) b. (Middle) c. (Last)			2. DATE (Month) (Day) (Year) OF BIRTH	
3. USUAL RESIDENCE a. (City) b. (County) c. (State)			4. PLACE (State or foreign country) OF BIRTH	
5. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE	6. RACE OR COLOR WHITE NEGRO OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (specify) _____	7a. USUAL OCCUPATION		7b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
WIFE				
8. MAIDEN NAME a. (First) b. (Middle) c. (Last)			9. DATE (Month) (Day) (Year) OF BIRTH	
10. USUAL RESIDENCE a. (City) b. (County) c. (State)			11. PLACE (State or foreign country) OF BIRTH	
12. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE	13. COLOR OR RACE WHITE NEGRO OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (specify) _____	14a. USUAL OCCUPATION		14b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
15. PLACE OF THIS MARRIAGE a. (County) b. (State or foreign country)			16. DATE OF (Month) (Day) (Year) MARRIAGE	
17. NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18	18. PLAINTIFF HUSBAND <input type="checkbox"/> WIFE <input type="checkbox"/>	19. DECREE GRANTED TO HUSBAND <input type="checkbox"/> WIFE <input type="checkbox"/>		20. LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DECREE
I hereby certify that the above persons were divorced on:			DATE OF RECORDING (Month) (Day) (Year)	
SIGNATURE OF COURT OFFICIAL			TITLE OF COURT OFFICIAL	

State officials conducted special surveys to obtain county totals. For South Dakota these totals were tabulated in the National Vital Statistics Division from transcripts of records of all divorces or annulments provided by State officials. Data for Colorado, for some counties of Kentucky, Missouri, and New Mexico, and for some parishes of Louisiana were obtained from surveys of local officials conducted by NVSD. Annual divorce and annulment totals were obtained for 3,068 counties or equivalent local areas of the United States; no totals were obtained for 46 counties.

County data were also received from the Virgin Islands and a report of the annual total from Puerto Rico.

The total number of divorces and annulments granted in the United States was prepared from the State totals; estimates for the nonreporting counties of Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico and Texas and parishes of Louisiana were included in the national figure. These estimates were prepared on the assumption that the divorce rate in the nonreporting areas of a State was identical with that for the reporting areas of the State.

FIGURE 7-3



The 1961 data

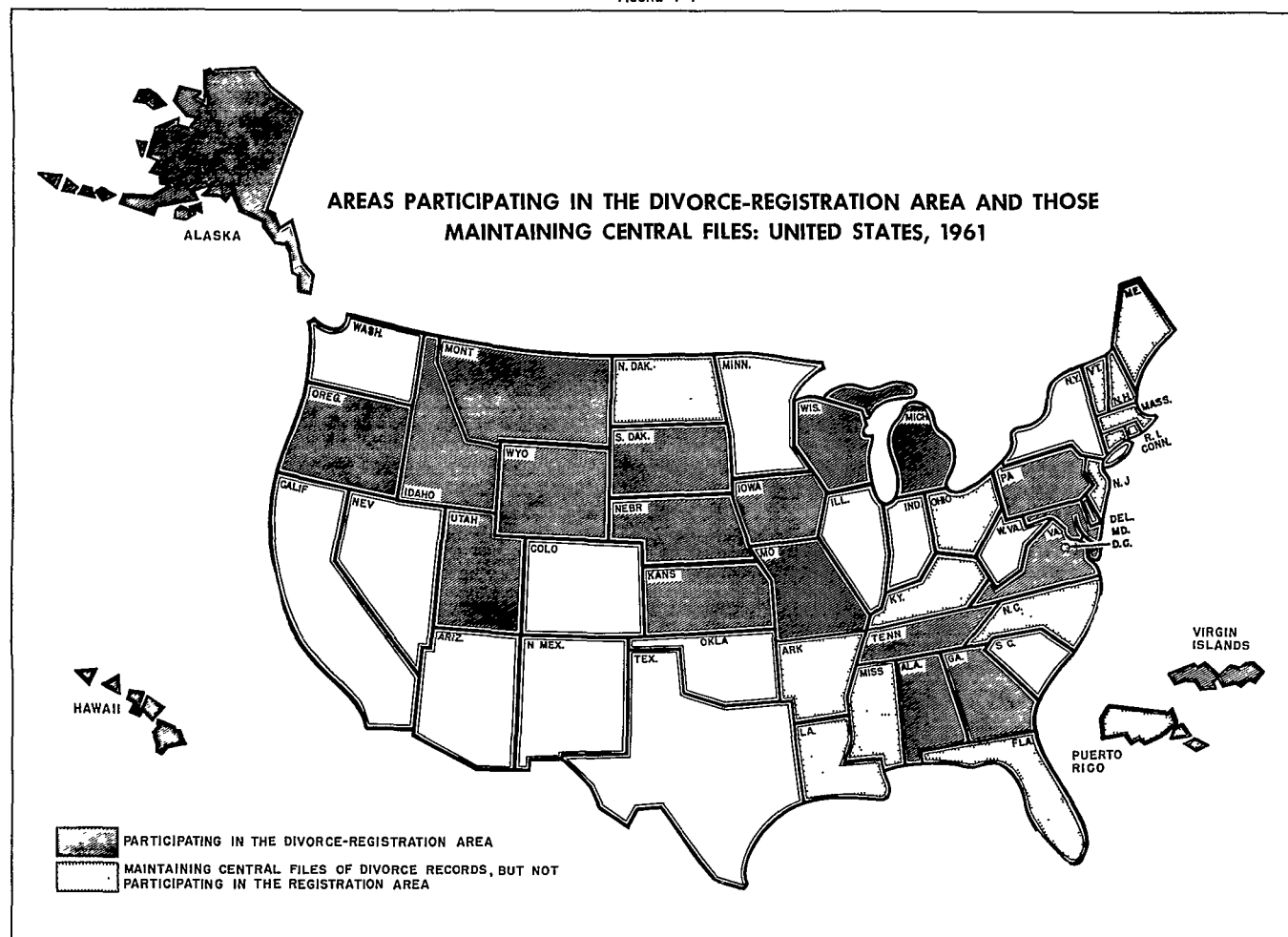
All variables included in the 1961 tabulations appear on the marriage and divorce or annulment record forms of all the registration States with the few exceptions indicated in tables 7-3 and 7-4. Of the 36 forms that were in use in the marriage-registration area in 1961, 27 specified the county where the marriage was performed and 33 the city or town. Estimates of civil and religious ceremonies were made chiefly by distinguishing between officiants who were clergymen and those who were civil officials. These data were not requested on the forms of Ohio or of Kentucky, but they were often reported by Kentucky, since the name of the person performing the ceremony was given on the Kentucky records. Among items of data about the bride and groom, age at marriage or date of birth and State of residence were available from the record forms of all registration States. Some data about the marital history of the bride and groom were also available from all MRA States. However, the record forms of Ohio and Michigan included only information about number of previous marriages of each person and not about marital status before the marriage. On the other hand, neither the number of this marriage nor of previous

marriages appeared on the forms of four MRA States (Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, and Oregon). Despite these variations in the records, marriage order (first marriage or remarriage) could be determined for all MRA States.

Items coded for divorces were found on the record forms of States included in the DRA with only three exceptions—Kansas secured no data on residence of husband and wife; Nebraska and Virginia requested no data on number of times parties to the divorce had been married. The variables available on all records were date and place where the decree was granted, age or date of birth and race or color of husband and of wife, date and place of marriage (date of marriage was used for computing duration of marriage to decree), the number of children involved, legal grounds for the decree, which party was the plaintiff, and party to whom the decree was granted.

Several additional items of information are found on the marriage and the divorce forms of a number of States. These include birthplace, occupation, residential address, religion, and last grade of school completed. A few marriage forms include one or two items of demographic information about the parents of the bride and the groom. Several divorce reporting forms include added data about such legal matters

FIGURE 7-4



as contesting initial action, custody of children, and arrangements for financial support. None of these items were tabulated for 1961.

DESIGN OF THE SAMPLES

Information about the structure of the samples is shown in table 7-5. The marriage sample was designed to yield estimates of area totals as well as frequency distributions and estimates of their parameters. These estimates were to be made for the marriage-registration area and for each State in the registration area.

Maximum sampling errors (one σ) were specified for each of the percent estimates shown in table 7-6. Samples for each registration State as well as for each registration area as a whole were so designated that sampling errors would not exceed the entries (percentage points) in table 7-6. For example, the sampling error for an estimate of 5 percent was not to exceed 1.1 percentage points in any marriage- or divorce-registration State; hence, in approximately two of three similar samples the true percent

would be located in the interval 3.9 to 6.1 percent (5 percent plus and minus the maximum sampling error tolerance of 1.1 percentage points).

A sampling rate was selected for each State so that the resulting sample would be at least 400 records, the number required to secure estimates having less than predesignated maximum sampling errors (table 7-6). Only four different sampling rates were designated for the States in the marriage-registration area—all records, 1/10, 1/20, and 1/100. While each State's records were sampled independently, that is, with a randomly selected number designating the first record to be selected in each State, in computing sampling errors each of the four groups of States with a uniform sampling rate was treated as a stratum. Sampling errors computed using these four groups as strata are likely to be somewhat larger than those that might have been computed using each State as a stratum; hence, the former very probably have an extra safety margin as estimates of variation in any statistic based on sample data.

Sampling procedures in the divorce sample paralleled those for the marriage sample except that the sampling

rates in each stratum as shown in table 7-5 were much larger than corresponding rates in the marriage sample—all records, 1/2, 1/10, and 1/20—in order to secure a minimum of 400 sample records from each State in the DRA.

COLLECTING AND PROCESSING THE SAMPLE DATA

Agreements specifying procedures for selecting sample records and payments to be made by NVSD were arranged for each reporting area. For marriages the records to be sampled referred to all marriages which had been performed during 1961 irrespective of the date of issue or date of filing of the license. For divorces the records to be sampled referred to all annulments and absolute decrees of divorce which were granted during 1961 except for Utah, where they referred to decrees which became final during the year. In States where interlocutory divorce decrees are granted, decrees granted during the latter part of 1961 became final in 1962 and decrees which had been granted late in 1960 became final in 1961. It is possible that some interlocutory decrees never become final because of death or reconciliation, but it is believed that the number of such cases is very small. In all these States except Utah divorce records are filed in the State office of vital statistics when decrees are granted and not when they become final. In most cases such decrees become final automatically after the lapse of a certain period of time.

The following variables were tabulated from returns of sample marriage records of States in the MRA: month of marriage, age, color, marital status, number of this marriage, county and State of residence of bride and of groom, and type of ceremony performed. The basic items for divorces were age, color or race, marriage order, and residence of husband and of wife, place and duration of the marriage, and the number of children in the family being dissolved. Legal items relative to the plaintiff and the person to whom the decree was granted and the legal grounds for the decree were also tabulated.

Early in the sequence of procedures, table plans were drawn up prescribing the detailed tabulations to be prepared. After these tabulations were completed and reviewed, the final tables, which are shown in Sections 2 and 4, were prepared giving much less detail in order to reduce the number of published frequencies with large sampling errors. Since these data are estimates based on samples which were small, several of the tabulations are less detailed than those prepared from pretabulated reports from the States in 1959 and preceding years. Because of high proportions of missing responses for the personal items on divorce records, it is impossible to publish the divorce statistics in Section 4 in as great detail as the marriage statistics in Section 2.

In the analytical text and tables for marriages (Section 1) great emphasis is given to the comparison of variations in age at marriage for the marriage-registration area among such subpopulations as white and nonwhite and single, widowed, and divorced brides and grooms. In addition the

distributions of several variables such as residence and marriage order are shown for each registration State.

The analytical tables for divorces feature relatively complete analyses of variations in duration of the marriage dissolved and in number of children involved. These are critical variables—the first as an index of marital and family stability and the second as part of an estimate of the number of persons affected by the dissolutions of these marriages. The other demographic items were tabulated in broad categories only.

ESTIMATING PROCEDURES

Area totals

Before data were tabulated and statistics estimated, adjustments were made in order to reconcile totals estimated from samples received with pretabulated counts for each reporting area. The procedures were as follows:

Marriages.—No adjustments were made of totals estimated from samples and pretabulated totals for those States in which these totals differed by 1 percent or less. A difference of more than 1 percent was found for one State, Kentucky, where the number of sample records was short. The estimated total for this State was footnoted as incomplete in all tables that give detailed marriage statistics.

Divorces.—Adjustments were made if the pretabulated count for a reporting State differed from the estimated total based on the sample by more than 1 percent. It was found that the samples from three States (Idaho, Maryland, and Utah) were short 401 records, representing 1,522 events, slightly more than 1 percent of the divorce total of 125,128 for all registration States combined. In all detailed divorce tables the number of not stated cases was increased for those three States in order to bring their totals up to figures representing complete samples.

Frequencies

Estimating procedures of frequencies were essentially similar for both samples. Frequency distributions were estimated first, and from these, percents and means or medians were computed. Frequencies were estimated in two steps:

1. Each sample case, and all items tabulated for that case, was assigned a weight which was the reciprocal of the probability with which the case was selected. Thus if a marriage record was selected from a State with a probability of 1/100, each item on that record carried a weight of 100, whereas if 100 percent of the records were processed from a State, each item on each such record carried a weight of 1.
2. Frequencies were estimated by summing the weights instead of tabulating the number of sample cases. Thus each frequency distribution such as age at marriage of first-married brides is a sum of the weights of the sample cases included.

It should be noted that the weights of all sample records are identical within each registration State. However, as

shown in table 7-5, the marriage records in a distribution of all MRA States vary in weights from 1 to 100 and divorce sample records for the DRA vary from 1 to 20. Variation between two or more equal subtotals in the relative proportions of cases with various weights results in each such subtotal having its distinctive sampling error, as discussed below.

Percents and rates

Percents in the analytical tables were computed using data which excluded estimated numbers of not stated cases. All rates appearing in the analytical tables were based on populations from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. These are populations present in the area estimated as of July 1, 1961, including Armed Forces stationed in the area but excluding Armed Forces abroad.

Children involved in divorces

Procedures for estimating the number of children reported in divorce suits presented a special case. The number of children was estimated for each registration State, for the DRA, and for the United States. The distribution of divorces and annulments by the number of children reported was prepared for each reporting State as follows. In order to obtain a State total of children reported, the category "children not stated" was first distributed proportionally over the distribution of divorces by number of children reported; then the number of divorces in each category with a given number of children was multiplied by the number of children per divorce (that is, the number of divorces involving one child was multiplied by 1, the number involving two children was multiplied by 2, etc.). The sum of the products is the estimate of the number of children reported in a given registration State and the sum of State estimates for participating States is the estimate for the DRA. The national estimate was obtained by multiplying the combined estimates for 14 States by 5.40039. The 14 States were Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The factor 5.40039 is the ratio of the 1960 national estimate of children prepared from the nationwide sample and the comparable figure for the 14 States combined. Data for 14 States were used because the other 4 States that participated in the DRA in 1960 were either nonrepresentative of the United States or had a very high proportion of divorces with the number of children not stated.

SAMPLING ERRORS OF THE ESTIMATES

Each estimate computed from the samples, except statistics of States where the sample includes all records, has a variability termed its sampling error (one σ) since it is not based on a complete count of marriages or of divorces occurring in 1961. Since all cases in these samples were selected with known probabilities, this sampling error can

be computed for each estimate. Each sampling error shown in table 7-7 and table 7-8 is the amount which when added to and subtracted from the estimated frequency gives the interval within which the actual quantity being estimated lies in approximately two out of three similar samples. For example, if the sample estimate of the number of wives under 20 years of age at the time of the divorce in 1961 is 100,000, which has a sampling error of 2,700, the chance is 2/3 that the result of a complete count of wives under 20 years at divorce in 1961 will lie between 97,300 and 102,700. If one lengthens the interval to two sampling errors above and below the estimate (in this example, 94,600 to 105,400) the chance of including the actual quantity becomes 95/100.

In order to facilitate comparisons of sampling errors among registration States with widely varying totals of marriages or divorces, the sampling errors are shown for frequencies expressed as percents of State or registration area totals. Sampling errors for frequencies equal in size are markedly larger for the MRA than for the DRA (compare the sampling error of 734 for 9,640, 1 percent of the MRA total, with the sampling error of 391 for 12,513, 10 percent of the DRA total). This greater precision of estimates for the DRA results from the much larger sampling rates of 1/2, 1/10, and 1/20 for strata 2, 3, and 4 than the rates of 1/10, 1/20, and 1/100 for equivalent strata in the MRA sample. The sampling error for the estimated percent corresponding to each frequency can be estimated by dividing the sampling error shown for the frequency by the total number of 1961 events reported for the area. As an example of the procedures described above for the States and registration areas, suppose the number of nonwhite marriages in California to be 10,960, 10 percent of the total for the State. The error shown in table 7-7 for this frequency is 988. By adding and subtracting 988 from 10,960, one secures the interval 9,972 to 11,948; the chances are about 68 out of 100 that the actual number of nonwhite marriages is in this interval. In order to obtain the sampling error for 10 percent itself, divide 988 by the State total, 109,600, with a resulting sampling error of 0.9 percent. Thus the chances are about 68 out of 100 that the actual percent of nonwhite marriages in California falls between 9.0 and 10.9.

Estimation of the standard error of a proportion in a subgroup of a subtotal—say, the proportion of nonwhite marriages in the age group 20-24 years—is accomplished by use of the formula

$$S_p = \sqrt{P_y^2 S_{x'}^2 - P_x^2 S_{y'}^2} / P_y N.$$

P_y is the proportion the denominator is of the total marriages of the State. P_x is the proportion the numerator is of the State total. $S_{y'}$ is the standard error of the denominator; $S_{x'}$ is the standard error of the numerator. N is the total number of marriages for the State. Use of this equation can be best illustrated by an example. Suppose for the State of Alabama that 45 percent of the marriages of nonwhite brides from the sample fell into the age group 15-19 years and

we want to approximate the standard error of this proportion. Suppose also that the estimated number of nonwhite marriages for the entire State was 8,000 and the number falling into the age group 15-19 years was 3,600. Eight thousand marriages is close to 25 percent (P_y) and 3,600 is close to 10 percent (P_x) of the 32,720 (N) marriages in Alabama during 1961. From table 7-7 we find for Alabama the standard error (S_y) of the 8,000 to be 341 and (S_x) of the 3,600 to be 237. Substituting the preceding values into the formula we obtain

$$\frac{S_p \approx \sqrt{(.25)^2 (237)^2 - (.10)^2 (341)^2}}{(.25)^2 (32,720)} = .024.$$

Therefore the chances are about 68 out of 100 that the true proportion would be between .426 and .474.

To determine if two proportions are significantly different, divide the difference by the square root of the sum of the squares of their standard errors. If the quotient of this division is greater than 2, then the probability that the difference is due to chance is less than 1 in 20.¹ (The figure 2 is the rounded value of the quantity "Student's" t , at the 5 percent level of significance for the hypothesis that the difference between the two estimates is zero when samples are large, 60 or more.) To illustrate, suppose we wish to compare the proportion of nonwhite marriages in the 15-19 age group for the two States, Alabama and Louisiana. Assume that the proportions were 45 percent with standard error .024 for Alabama and 49 percent with standard error .027 for Louisiana. Division of the difference by the square root of the sum of the squares of the standard errors gives us

$$\frac{(.49 - .45)}{\sqrt{(.024)^2 + (.027)^2}} = 1.1.$$

This value is less than 2; therefore the difference between the two proportions may well have been due to chance.

COMPLETENESS OF THE DATA

Among the various factors which produce errors in the 1961 marriage and divorce statistics, incompleteness of reporting is one of the most important. It is the one factor for which detailed and complete estimates are available. Table 7-9 (marriages) and the tables in Section 4 (divorces and annulments) show the numbers of cases with various characteristics not stated because of incompleteness of returns of sample records, because of items not appearing on State record forms, and because of data not reported on individual sample records.

An important quality check was introduced to improve accuracy of record count. Estimates of the number of records which constituted complete reporting were developed for

comparing, for each registration State, the total number of 1961 marriages or divorces as estimated from sample records received with the annual total as reported for the areas at the end of the year. Whenever these two totals differed by more than 1 percent, investigation to reconcile this difference was undertaken. In most instances this involved querying State officials, but in several cases it was found that some records such as unused marriage licenses, duplicates, and divorce decrees which were not absolute, had been included in the samples or in the reported totals or in both. This querying was a marked aid in improving the accuracy of the pretabulated totals and of the samples.

The final outcome was that the totals of marriages and divorces were more thoroughly checked than those used when only pretabulated data were secured. In terms of these totals it is estimated that marriage records were not received for 0.4 percent of all marriages for the MRA. Among the States in the sample, the largest proportion of records not secured was in Kentucky, where an estimated 14 percent of all records were not received.

For the DRA the sample records were not received for 1.2 percent of all divorces. The samples from three States were short—2.4 percent of the decrees granted in Idaho were not received, 17.0 percent of those granted in Maryland, and 23.6 percent of those in Utah.

Principal sources of incompleteness differed for the two samples. For marriages, lack of an item on the marriage record forms of a few reporting areas was the principal source. The fact that color or race was not reportable for the entire year in Ohio with 66,000 marriages and for about 3½ months in California with an estimated 25,000 marriages accounted for over 9 percent of the MRA marriage total, whereas this item not being completed on individual records in other States accounted for 1 percent. Analysis of the data on items not stated shows parallel situations for the reporting of marriage order, previous marital status, and type of ceremony.

Further standardization of the types of items to be requested on the marriage record forms of each reporting area is needed and should be feasible, particularly since responses to most of the items are relatively complete in all areas that request them.

The principal source of incompleteness in the 1961 divorce statistics arises from failure to secure key items of personal and demographic data in several States even in cases where these items are on the record forms. The proportion of records not stating age at decree varies among the 20 DRA States from less than 1 to 97 percent; for race or color the corresponding range is from 0 to 80 percent; for marriage order the analogous range among DRA States having this item is from 0 to 97 percent; for duration of marriage the range is 0 to 25 percent; and for number of children the range is from less than 1 to 29 percent.

Estimates of incompleteness of the data, whether items not available from a reporting area or missing responses on individual sample records, were made by inspection during the processing of the sample records in NVSD. Missing responses are shown as not stated marriages in table 7-9 and as not stated divorces in the tables in Section 4.

The following test of completeness was applied to the 1961 data for the registration areas and participating States

¹Helen M. Walker and Joseph Lev, *Statistical Inference*. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1953. pp. 154-157.

and other areas: Annual totals reported by the States were compared with annual totals estimated from sample records and discrepancies of more than 1 percent were investigated. Final results indicated incompleteness of reporting greater than 1 percent in only four States. Over the approximately 5 years of planning, collecting, and processing the samples for 1960 and 1961 there have been improvements in registration and statistical procedures resulting from State and Federal efforts to secure more uniform marriage and divorce statistics in the registration areas.

SYMBOLS USED IN TABLES

Class or item not applicable-----	...
Data not available-----	---
Quantity zero in frequency tables-----	-
Quantity zero in rate or percent tables-----	0
Rate or percent more than 0 but less than 0.05-----	0.0
Both frequency and population base zero in rate or percent tables-----	-
Figures within parentheses not included in totals----	()

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Table 7-1. Sources of Marriage and Divorce Data: United States, 1867-1961

TIME PERIOD	Marriage	Divorce ¹
1867-86	Estimates prepared by National Office of Vital Statistics based on results of field survey covering 20-year period conducted in 1867-88 by the U.S. Department of Labor.	Numbers and detailed statistics (legal grounds, duration of marriage, number of children reported, etc.) obtained in field survey covering 20-year period conducted in 1867-88 by the U.S. Department of Labor.
1887-1906	Estimates based on data from field survey covering 20-year period conducted in 1906-07 by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.	Numbers and detailed statistics (legal grounds, duration of marriage, number of children reported, etc.) obtained in field survey covering 20-year period conducted in 1906-07 by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
1907-15	Estimates prepared by Bureau of the Census based on records from selected States.	Same as for marriage.
1916	Numbers collected through mail survey conducted in 1917-18 by Bureau of the Census.	Numbers and detailed statistics collected through mail survey conducted in 1917-18 by Bureau of the Census.
1917-21	Estimates prepared by Bureau of the Census based on records from selected States.	Same as for marriage.
1922-32	Annual collection by Bureau of the Census through mail query to States with central files and to counties in the remaining States.	Numbers and detailed statistics collected annually by Bureau of the Census through mail query to States with central files and to counties in the remaining States.
1933-36	Estimates by S. A. Stouffer and L. M. Spencer on basis of data available from selected States (American Journal of Sociology, January 1939).	Same as for marriage.
1937-40	Estimates based on transcript returns and mail surveys of State and county offices conducted by Bureau of the Census. Some detailed statistics for 1940 based on transcript program.	Same as for marriage.
1941-43	Estimates based on data from published State reports and from files of Bureau of the Census and Federal Home Loan Bank Board.	Same as for marriage.
1944-47	Estimates based on figures for marriages and marriage licenses obtained by National Office of Vital Statistics from State and local registration offices.	Estimates based on figures for divorces and annulments obtained by National Office of Vital Statistics from State and local registration offices.
1948-56	Estimates based on figures for marriages and marriage licenses obtained by National Office of Vital Statistics from State and local registration offices; detailed statistics based on pretabulated data provided by State offices of vital statistics.	Estimates based on figures for divorces and annulments obtained by National Office of Vital Statistics from State and local registration offices; detailed statistics based on pretabulated data provided by State offices of vital statistics.
1957	Estimates based on figures for marriages and marriage licenses obtained by National Office of Vital Statistics from State and local registration offices; detailed statistics based on pretabulated data provided by States participating in the marriage-registration area (MRA).	Same as for 1948-56.
1958-59	Same as for 1957.	Estimates based on figures for divorces and annulments obtained by National Office of Vital Statistics from State and local registration offices; detailed statistics based on pretabulated data provided by States participating in the divorce-registration area (DRA).
1960	Statistics prepared in the National Vital Statistics Division from nationwide probability samples of marriage records designed to provide estimates for the United States, the four regions, the marriage-registration area, and each registration State. Totals of either marriages or marriage licenses by county and month also tabulated in each State. These and totals estimated from samples were checked for consistency.	Statistics prepared in the National Vital Statistics Division from nationwide probability samples of divorce records. Records in the sample provided statistics on absolute decrees of divorce and annulment for the United States, the four regions, the divorce-registration area, and each registration State. Totals for each State by county also tabulated in each State. These and totals estimated from samples were checked for consistency.
1961	Statistics prepared in the National Vital Statistics Division for the MRA and each MRA State from probability samples of the marriage records collected by each MRA State. Pretabulated totals of marriages or marriage licenses by county and by month, reported for all States, used to compute totals for the United States, four regions, and nine geographic divisions; also, for MRA States, checked for consistency with totals estimated for sample records.	Statistics prepared in the National Vital Statistics Division for the DRA and each DRA State from probability samples of the records of absolute divorces and annulments collected by each DRA State. Pre-tabulated totals by county, reported for all States, used to compute totals for the United States, four regions, and nine geographic divisions; also, for DRA States, checked for consistency with totals estimated from sample records.

¹Includes reported annulments.

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Table 7-2. Years Central Files of Marriage and Divorce Records Were Established and Years Admitted to the Marriage- and Divorce-Registration Areas: States and Outlying Areas

(The marriage-registration area was established January 1, 1957, and the divorce-registration area January 1, 1958)

AREA	MARRIAGES		DIVORCES		AREA	MARRIAGES		DIVORCES	
	Central files established	State admitted to the MRA	Central files established	State admitted to the DRA		Central files established	State admitted to the MRA	Central files established	State admitted to the DRA
Alabama-----	1908	1957	1908	1958	Nebraska-----	1909	1957	1909	1958
Alaska-----	1913	1957	1949	1958	Nevada-----	-	-	-	-
Arizona-----	-	-	-	-	New Hampshire-----	1858	1957	1861	-
Arkansas-----	1917	-	1923	-	New Jersey-----	1848	1957	1795	-
California-----	1905	1957	-	-	New Mexico-----	-	-	-	-
Colorado-----	-	-	-	-	New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	1860	1957	-	-
Connecticut-----	1897	1957	1947	-	New York City-----	-	-	-	-
Delaware-----	1913	1957	1935	-	North Carolina-----	-	-	1958	-
District of Columbia-----	1811	1961	1802	-	North Dakota-----	1925	-	1949	-
Florida-----	1927	1957	1927	-	Ohio-----	1949	1957	1949	-
Georgia-----	1952	1957	1952	1958	Oklahoma-----	-	-	-	-
Hawaii-----	1896	1957	1951	1958	Oregon-----	1907	1957	1925	1958
Idaho-----	1947	1957	1947	1958	Pennsylvania-----	1906	1957	1943	1958
Illinois-----	-	-	-	-	Rhode Island-----	1852	1957	-	-
Indiana-----	1859	1961	-	-	South Carolina-----	1950	-	-	-
Iowa-----	1890	1957	1914	1958	South Dakota-----	1905	1957	1905	1958
Kansas-----	1913	1957	1951	1959	Tennessee-----	1945	1957	1945	1958
Kentucky-----	1958	1959	1958	-	Texas-----	-	-	-	-
Louisiana (excl. New Orleans)-----	1937	1957	1942	-	Utah-----	1919	1957	1953	1958
New Orleans-----	1870	1957	1942	-	Vermont-----	1857	1957	1896	-
Maine-----	1892	1957	1892	-	Virginia-----	1853	1957	1918	1958
Maryland-----	1914	1957	1914	1959	Washington-----	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts-----	1841	1961	1882	-	West Virginia-----	1921	-	-	-
Michigan-----	1867	1957	1897	1961	Wisconsin-----	1907	1957	1907	1958
Minnesota-----	1958	-	-	-	Wyoming-----	1941	1957	1941	1958
Mississippi-----	1926	1957	1926	-	Puerto Rico-----	1931	1957	1931	-
Missouri-----	1948	-	1948	1961	Virgin Islands-----	1953	1957	1953	1958
Montana-----	1943	1957	1943	1958					

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Table 7-3. Selected Items of Statistical Information on Marriage Records of Marriage-Registration States: 1961

(Items listed are those appearing on the Standard Record of Marriage, PHS-2039, unless otherwise noted. "X" denotes presence of item on State record form)

STATE	ITEMS CONCERNING MARRIAGE				ITEMS CONCERNING BRIDE AND GROOM				
	Date	County or county equivalent	City or town ¹	Title or denomination of officiant ²	Date of birth or age	Previous marital status	Number of this marriage ³	Race or color ⁴	State of residence
Alabama	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Alaska	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
California	X		X	X	X	X	X	(*)	X
Connecticut	X	(⁵)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Delaware	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
District of Columbia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Georgia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hawaii	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Idaho	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iowa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Kentucky	X	X		(⁶)	X	X	X	X	X
Louisiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maine	X	(⁵)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maryland	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Massachusetts	X	(⁵)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michigan	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Mississippi	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Montana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nebraska	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Hampshire	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Jersey	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New York (excl. N.Y.C.)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ohio	X	X			X		X		X
Oregon	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rhode Island	X	(⁵)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Dakota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tennessee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vermont	X	(⁵)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wisconsin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wyoming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

¹Not on Standard Record of Marriage. (Information used in NVSD to determine county of marriage if county is not stated.)²Not on Standard Record of Marriage. (Information used in NVSD to distinguish religious from civil ceremonies if type of ceremony is not stated.)³Reportable in 20 States as "Number of previous marriages."⁴"Color or race" deleted from marriage certificate effective September 15, 1961.⁵For this State, cities and towns are minor civil divisions directly below the county level. (Towns are equivalents of townships.) The item "city or town" was used to code county of occurrence.⁶Name of officiant only is required on State record form. Title of officiant was also given on approximately 40 percent of sample records received.

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Table 7-4. Selected Items of Statistical Information on Divorce or Annulment Records of Divorce-Registration States: 1961

(Items listed are those on the Standard Record of Divorce or Annulment, PHS-2040. "X" denotes presence of item on the State record form)

STATE	ITEMS CONCERNING DIVORCE						ITEMS CONCERNING MARRIAGE		ITEMS CONCERNING HUSBAND AND WIFE			
	Date	County or county equivalent	Legal grounds	Plaintiff	To whom granted	Number of children	Date	State where marriage occurred	Date of birth or age	Race or color	Number of this marriage ¹	State of residence
Alabama	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alaska	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Georgia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hawaii	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Idaho	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iowa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Maryland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michigan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Montana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nebraska	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Oregon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Dakota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tennessee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Wisconsin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wyoming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

¹Reportable in Georgia and South Dakota as "number of previous marriages."

Table 7-5. Marriage and Divorce Samples- Sampling Rates and Sample Size: Marriage- and Divorce-Registration Areas: 1961

(Refers only to events occurring in a specified area)

AREA AND STRATUM	Number of primary sampling areas	Sampling rate	Number of sample records	Estimated number of events ¹
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA				
Marriage-registration States-----	36	...	42,595	963,995
Stratum 1-----	4	All records	11,065	11,065
Stratum 2-----	7	1/10	4,543	45,430
Stratum 3-----	18	1/20	22,390	447,800
Stratum 4-----	7	1/100	4,597	459,700
Puerto Rico-----	1	1/20	1,069	21,390
Virgin Islands-----	1	All records	397	397
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA				
Divorce-registration States-----	20	...	15,610	125,128
Stratum 1-----	2	All records	1,770	1,770
Stratum 2-----	6	1/2	6,154	12,308
Stratum 3-----	7	1/10	4,267	42,670
Stratum 4-----	5	1/20	3,419	68,380
Virgin Islands-----	1	All records	152	152

¹Number of sample records weighted by reciprocal of sampling rate.

Table 7-6. Marriage and Divorce Samples- Maximum Sampling Errors in Percentage Points, for Specified Estimates of Marriage and Divorce Records: Registration Areas and Registration States, 1961

AREA	PERCENT OF CASES WITH CHARACTERISTIC				
	2	5	10	25	50
Marriage-registration area-----	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Divorce-registration area-----	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7
Each registration State-----	0.7	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.5

Table 7-7. Marriage Sample-Sampling Error of Estimated Frequency Expressed as Percentage of Area Total: Marriage-Registration Area, Each Registration State, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, 1961

(Estimates for the entire MRA have distributions of sampling errors generated by changes in contributions of cases from each stratum. For sampling errors in this table for the entire MRA, it is assumed that these contributions are proportionate to stratum totals. Figures for Alaska, Delaware, Vermont, Wyoming, and Virgin Islands have no sampling errors since all records were tabulated)

AREA	All marriages	SAMPLING ERROR OF ESTIMATED FREQUENCY EXPRESSED AS PERCENTAGE OF AREA TOTAL											
		1 or 99	2 or 98	3 or 97	4 or 96	5 or 95	7 or 93	10 or 90	15 or 85	20 or 80	25 or 75	50	
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA ¹ -----	963,995	734	1,032	1,258	1,446	1,608	1,882	2,213	2,634	2,951	3,194	3,689	
Alabama-----	32,720	78	110	134	154	172	201	237	282	315	341	394	
Alaska-----	2,091	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
California-----	109,600	328	461	562	645	718	840	988	1,176	1,318	1,426	1,647	
Connecticut-----	17,780	58	81	99	114	127	148	174	208	232	252	291	
Delaware-----	2,560	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District of Columbia-----	9,080	41	58	71	81	91	106	125	148	166	180	209	
Florida-----	40,940	88	123	150	173	192	225	265	315	353	392	441	
Georgia-----	52,100	226	318	387	445	495	579	681	811	908	983	1,135	
Hawaii-----	5,290	22	31	37	43	48	56	65	78	87	94	109	
Idaho-----	11,060	46	64	78	90	100	117	138	164	183	198	229	
Indiana-----	42,300	204	286	349	401	446	522	614	731	819	886	1,023	
Iowa-----	21,960	64	90	110	127	141	165	194	231	258	280	323	
Kansas-----	16,140	55	78	94	108	121	141	166	198	221	240	277	
Kentucky-----	22,240	65	91	111	127	142	166	195	232	260	281	325	
Louisiana-----	24,060	67	95	115	132	147	173	203	241	270	293	339	
Maine-----	7,880	26	37	45	52	58	68	80	95	106	115	133	
Maryland-----	39,980	87	122	149	171	190	222	261	311	349	377	436	
Massachusetts-----	33,660	80	112	136	157	174	204	240	286	320	346	400	
Michigan-----	63,300	249	350	427	491	546	639	751	894	1,001	1,084	1,251	
Mississippi-----	21,600	64	90	109	125	140	163	192	229	256	277	320	
Montana-----	5,630	22	32	38	44	49	57	68	80	90	97	113	
Nebraska-----	10,980	45	64	78	90	100	117	137	163	183	198	228	
New Hampshire-----	7,350	26	36	44	50	56	66	77	92	103	111	129	
New Jersey-----	40,700	87	123	150	172	192	224	264	314	352	391	440	
New York-----	56,800	236	332	404	465	517	605	711	847	949	1,027	1,185	
Ohio-----	66,000	254	358	436	501	557	652	767	913	1,022	1,107	1,278	
Oregon-----	10,780	45	63	77	89	99	115	136	162	181	196	226	
Pennsylvania-----	69,600	261	367	448	514	572	670	787	937	1,050	1,136	1,312	
Rhode Island-----	5,640	22	32	38	44	49	57	68	80	90	98	113	
South Dakota-----	6,250	24	33	40	46	52	61	71	85	95	103	119	
Tennessee-----	31,660	77	109	132	152	169	198	235	277	310	336	389	
Utah-----	7,390	26	36	44	51	56	66	77	92	103	112	129	
Vermont-----	3,168	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Virginia-----	36,220	85	119	145	167	186	217	256	304	341	369	428	
Wisconsin-----	24,240	68	95	116	133	148	173	204	242	271	294	333	
Wyoming-----	3,246	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerto Rico-----	21,390	63	89	109	125	139	163	191	228	255	276	319	
Virgin Islands-----	397	

¹Excluding Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

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Table 7-8. Divorce Sample-Sampling Error of Estimated Frequency Expressed as Percentage of Area Total: Divorce-Registration Area, Each Registration State, and Virgin Islands, 1961

(Estimates for the entire DRA have distributions of sampling errors generated by changes in contributions of cases from each stratum. For sampling errors in this table for the entire DRA, it is assumed that these contributions are proportionate to stratum totals. Figures for Alaska, South Dakota, and Virgin Islands have no sampling errors since all records were tabulated)

AREA	All divorces and annulments	SAMPLING ERROR OF ESTIMATED FREQUENCY EXPRESSED AS PERCENTAGE OF AREA TOTAL										
		1 or 99	2 or 98	3 or 97	4 or 96	5 or 95	7 or 93	10 or 90	15 or 85	20 or 80	25 or 75	50
DIVORCE-REGISTRATION AREA ¹ -----	125,128	130	192	222	255	284	332	391	465	521	564	651
Alabama-----	17,700	58	81	99	114	126	148	174	207	232	251	290
Alaska-----	916	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia-----	9,540	29	41	50	57	64	75	88	105	117	127	146
Hawaii-----	1,554	4	5	7	8	9	10	12	14	16	17	20
Idaho-----	2,684	5	7	9	10	11	13	16	18	21	22	26
Iowa-----	4,800	21	29	35	41	45	53	62	74	83	90	104
Kansas-----	5,170	21	30	37	42	47	55	65	77	86	93	108
Maryland-----	5,300	22	31	37	43	48	56	66	78	87	95	109
Michigan-----	16,120	55	77	94	108	121	141	166	198	221	240	277
Missouri-----	11,560	47	66	80	92	102	120	141	167	187	203	234
Montana-----	2,034	4	6	8	9	10	11	14	16	18	20	23
Nebraska-----	2,370	5	7	8	10	11	12	15	17	19	21	24
Oregon-----	6,000	23	33	40	46	51	59	70	83	93	101	116
Pennsylvania-----	13,620	51	71	87	100	111	130	153	182	203	220	254
South Dakota-----	854	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee-----	9,380	42	59	72	83	92	108	127	151	169	183	211
Utah-----	2,360	5	7	8	10	11	12	15	17	19	21	24
Virginia-----	7,580	26	37	45	51	57	67	78	93	104	113	131
Wisconsin-----	4,280	20	27	33	38	43	50	59	70	79	85	98
Wyoming-----	1,306	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	13	14	16	18
Virgin Islands-----	152

¹Excluding Virgin Islands.

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Table 7-9. Number of Marriages "Not Stated" for Specified Characteristics: Marriage-Registration Area, Each Registration State, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, 1961

(By place of occurrence. Based on sample data)

AREA	All marriages	CHARACTERISTIC													
		Day of week marriage performed	Age		Color		Marriage order		Previous marital status		Number of this marriage		Resident status in place where married		Type of ceremony performed
			Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	
MARRIAGE-REGISTRATION AREA ¹	963,995	2,722	1,871	1,502	100,547	98,547	9,012	8,297	43,191	42,907	34,145	33,041	600	560	98,800
Alabama-----	32,720	2,540	20	60	-	-	-	-	40	20	100	20	-	-	20
Alaska-----	2,091	1	24	16	2	2	3	2	5	3	3	3	-	-	39
California-----	109,600	-	-	-	² 29,500	² 29,500	100	100	1,000	1,000	300	300	-	-	160
Connecticut-----	17,780	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	20	-	-	20	-	-	40
Delaware-----	2,580	1	4	2	5	4	3	2	6	4	4	3	-	-	31
District of Columbia-----	9,080	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	40	-	-	-	-	20
Florida-----	40,940	-	-	20	20	40	220	160	300	240	960	760	320	320	280
Georgia-----	52,100	-	100	-	1,100	200	700	500	1,200	900	900	600	200	-	-
Hawaii-----	5,290	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	120
Idaho-----	11,060	-	220	180	80	40	40	-	80	60	³ 3,200	³ 3,180	-	-	20
Indiana-----	42,300	-	900	800	500	200	600	300	700	400	1,700	900	-	-	700
Iowa-----	21,960	-	-	-	100	20	-	-	60	-	-	-	20	-	20
Kansas-----	16,140	-	200	140	100	80	160	120	260	220	³ 3,400	³ 3,520	-	-	40
Kentucky ⁴ -----	22,240	-	20	-	20	40	160	120	160	140	3,580	3,480	-	-	13,900
Louisiana-----	24,060	100	20	-	-	-	3,360	3,400	3,540	3,540	3,580	3,720	-	-	3,200
Maine-----	7,880	-	-	-	20	10	-	-	40	-	30	10	-	-	10
Maryland-----	39,980	-	40	40	40	-	20	20	80	60	³ 9,160	³ 9,260	-	20	⁵ 9,240
Massachusetts-----	33,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	40
Michigan-----	63,300	-	-	-	-	100	2,400	2,400	⁶ 16,400	⁶ 17,000	2,400	2,400	-	-	2,400
Mississippi-----	21,600	-	-	40	20	-	40	80	160	180	100	140	-	-	100
Montana-----	5,630	10	70	70	-	-	-	-	50	40	280	260	-	-	40
Nebraska-----	10,980	-	80	80	40	20	-	-	-	-	40	40	-	-	140
New Hampshire-----	7,350	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	10	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey-----	40,700	20	-	-	2,020	1,520	280	260	400	400	580	460	40	20	1,000
New York (excl. N.Y.C.)-----	56,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	100	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio-----	66,000	-	-	-	⁷ 66,000	⁷ 66,000	600	200	⁶ 17,400	⁶ 17,300	600	200	-	200	⁷ 66,000
Oregon-----	10,780	-	60	100	440	380	-	-	20	-	³ 2,320	³ 2,580	-	-	40
Pennsylvania-----	69,600	-	100	-	200	100	-	400	300	800	300	800	-	-	500
Rhode Island-----	5,640	-	10	10	10	30	10	20	20	40	10	20	-	-	10
South Dakota-----	6,250	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	10	-	50	40	-	-	10
Tennessee-----	31,660	-	-	-	180	180	200	140	220	200	300	200	20	-	120
Utah-----	7,380	40	-	-	40	40	10	10	40	40	30	20	-	-	390
Vermont-----	3,168	-	3	4	17	10	1	-	9	5	1	1	-	-	11
Virginia-----	38,220	-	-	-	-	-	20	40	80	80	120	80	-	-	140
Wisconsin-----	24,240	-	-	-	20	-	60	20	160	80	60	20	-	-	20
Wyoming-----	3,246	-	-	-	3	1	5	3	11	5	7	4	-	-	-
Puerto Rico-----	21,380	20	-	-	-	-	20	-	20	-	80	100	-	-	-
Virgin Islands-----	397	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	54	55	-	-	-

¹Excludes Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

²Item not reportable effective September 15, 1961.

³This item not reportable in four registration States. Figures for these States include remarriages of previously married brides and grooms as follows: Idaho, 3,160 brides and 3,180 grooms; Kansas, 3,240 brides and 3,400 grooms; Maryland, 9,140 brides and 9,240 grooms; Oregon, 2,320 brides and 2,580 grooms.

⁴Data incomplete.

⁵Civil ceremonies are not provided for in the laws of Maryland.

⁶This item not reportable in Michigan and Ohio. For Michigan, figures include remarriages of 14,000 brides and 14,600 grooms; for Ohio, figures include remarriages of 16,800 brides and 17,100 grooms.

⁷Item not reportable.

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Geographic area:																
Divisions-----				X												
Marriage-registration area- Registration States-----	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Regions-----				X												
States-----				X						X	X			X		
United States-----	X	X	X	X											X ¹	X ¹
Years:																
1920-61-----	X ²															
1940-61-----		X														
1952-61-----															X	X
1953-61-----			X													
1957-61-----				X												
1957-61-----	X ³															
1961-----					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Type of entry:																
Number of marriages-----	X ⁴		X ⁵	X												
Marriage rates-----	X ⁴	X	X ⁵	X												
Mean and median ages-----											X				X	
Percentage distribution----					X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Characteristics:																
Age at marriage-----					X		X				X		X		X	
Color-----						X										
Marriage order:																
All marriages-----						X	X								X	X
First marriages-----						X	X			X			X	X	X	X
Remarriages-----						X	X			X			X	X		X
Month marriage was performed-----			X		X	X										
Number of this marriage----												X				
Resident status-----							X	X	X							
Specified age of bride and groom at first marriage by mean and median age of spouse-----												X				
Type of ceremony (civil or religious)-----														X	X	

¹Total for selected States.
²United States only.
³Marriage-registration area only.
⁴With percent changes from preceding year.
⁵With and without seasonal adjustments.

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Guide to tables in Section 2

(Frequencies only. All data are for marriages occurring in the United States in 1961. Data for geographic areas are by place of occurrence unless otherwise noted)

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Geographic area:																							
Divisions-----	X																						
Marriage-registration area--	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Regions-----	X																						
Registration States-----	X			X				X					X						X	X		X	X ¹
States-----	X																						
United States-----	X																						
Characteristics:																							
Age at marriage																							
Single-year distribution-		X			X	X			X		X	X											
5-year age groups-----		X			X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X		X
10-year age groups-----					X						X		X	X	X	X							
Color-----			X							X		X						X	X	X			
Day of week marriage was performed-----				X																			
Marriage order																							
All marriages-----			X		X	X						X	X								X	X	
First marriages-----			X		X	X					X	X	X								X	X	X
Remarriages-----			X		X	X						X	X								X	X	X
Month marriage was performed-----	X	X	X																				
Number of this marriage-----																					X		
Previous marital status-----														X ²	X ³	X	X	X	X				
Resident status-----					X	X	X	X															
Type of ceremony (civil or religious)-----																					X	X	X

¹Six reporting States.
²For brides only.
³For grooms only.

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Guide to tables in Section 3

(All data are for divorces occurring in the United States. Data for geographic areas are by place of occurrence)

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Geographic area:										
Divisions-----			X	X						
Divorce-registration area-----					X	X	X	X	X	
Regions-----			X	X						
Registration States-----					X	X	X	X	X	
States-----			X	X						
United States-----		X	X	X						X
Years:										
1920-61-----		X								
1953-61-----										X
1957-61-----			X	X						
1961-----					X	X	X	X	X	
Type of entry:										
Number of annulments and percent of total divorces and annulments-----				X						
Number of divorces and annulments-----		X ¹	X						X	X
Percentage distribution of divorces and annulments---						X		X		
Rates per 1,000 population-----		X ¹	X							
Rates per 1,000 married female population 15 years of age and over-----		X ¹								
Ratio of children to total decrees-----									X	X
Characteristics:										
Duration of marriage at time of divorce-----						X	X ²			
Median age (at time of decree and at time of marriage)-----					X					
Number of children involved in divorce-----							X	X	X	X

¹With percent changes from preceding year.

²Median duration.

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(All data are for events occurring in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Data are by place of occurrence unless otherwise noted)

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Geographic area:																	
County equivalents-----		X															
Puerto Rico-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Virgin Islands-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Years:																	
1940-61-----	X																
1961-----		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Type of entry:																	
Number of divorces and annulments-----	X	X										X	X	X	X	X	X
Number of marriages-----	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Rates per 1,000 population-----	X																
Characteristics:																	
Age-----						X	X	X	X				X ¹				
Color-----													X				
Day of week marriage performed-----				X													
Duration of marriage at time of divorce--												X			X		X
Legal grounds for decree-----												X					
Marriage order:																	
All marriages-----						X											
First marriages-----						X		X					X ²				
Remarriages-----						X							X ²				
Month marriage performed-----			X														
Number of children under 18 years of age-----												X			X		
Number of this marriage-----												X					
Party to whom decree was granted-----																	X
Place where marriage was performed-----												X					
Plaintiff-----																	X
Previous marital status-----									X	X							
Resident status-----						X ³									X ⁴		

¹At time of decree and at time of marriage.

²At time of decree.

³Marriages only.

⁴Defendant husband and wife.

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Collection of data, 1867-1961-----		X								
Growth of marriage- and divorce-registration areas-----			X							
States reporting selected items-----				X ¹	X ²					
Data completeness:										
Comparison of items shown on State records with those shown on "Standard Records," 1961-----				X ¹	X ²					
Number of marriages "not stated" for specified characteristics, 1961-----										X
Sample specifications and estimates:										
Number of primary sampling areas-----						X				
Number of sample records-----						X				
Estimated number of events-----						X				
Sampling rates-----						X				
Maximum sampling errors-----							X			
Sampling errors of estimates-----								X ¹	X ²	

¹Marriages.
²Divorces.